2023 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dearest Society friends,

As we reflect on our work throughout Milwaukee County over the past year, we are deeply grateful for the generous support from friends *like you* who help us in our mission to eliminate poverty and hunger throughout Milwaukee County.

The Society is dedicated to providing compassionate care for neighbors in need every day of the year, embracing all faiths, socioeconomic situations, and life circumstances.

We are pleased to share the following achievements from this past year:

- $1.8 million in goods and services provided to those in need
- 62,482 warm meals served to local families, including 7,444 meals for children
- 10,363 home visits made throughout our community

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, we have opened a new Thrift Store on Milwaukee's northside. Our Bradley Thrift Store, located at 8010 N 76th Street, Milwaukee, successfully opened its doors in January 2024. Like our other stores, our new store location offers affordable shopping and essential household items for Milwaukee neighbors in need, while also generating crucial funding for our various outreach programs.

We invite you to visit us at our Thrift Stores or Meal Program locations. Volunteers are always appreciated and welcomed! Your presence and support mean the world to us.

On behalf of the entire Society, including our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and most importantly, those we serve, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our mission to provide compassionate care for Milwaukee families in need. Please find a comprehensive summary of our 2023 work in the following Annual Report. Enjoy!

Warmly,

Deborah Duskey

Debbie Duskey
Executive Director

OUR HISTORY

In 1833, *Frederic Ozanam, organized a small group of college students in France, in visiting the poor in the Paris slums. He chose St. Vincent de Paul as the patron saint of their endeavors, because of the saint's dedicated vocation to the poor. In 1849, several Milwaukee Catholic parishes established similar groups of volunteers, and a council was formed in 1914, legally incorporated in 1917. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee now has professional staff members, and a large assembly of volunteers, who reach out through one-on-one visits with individuals, as well as facilitating meal programs, and other services that benefit the poor.*

OUR 2023 NUMBERS

$1.8 million

goods and services provided to those in need

62,482

warm, nutritious meals served at Meal Program

8,000

meals served to children

10,363

home visits made to individuals and families

SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Meal Program

The Milwaukee Council of SVDP operates a free Meal Program at two sites, five nights per week at Harambee Kitchen (2600 N. 2nd St.) and six nights per week at Crossroads Kitchen (931 W. Madison St.). Volunteers from Milwaukee and surrounding communities, of all ages and faiths, give of their time, talent, and treasures in helping to provide, prepare, and serve the meal for those who are hungry in our community.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Through home visitations, over 665 volunteers establish one-on-one supportive relationships with individuals and families who need basic necessities such as food, clothing, new beds and furniture. These volunteers also provide companionship, a listening ear and compassion. Additionally, volunteers in this program operate food pantries, and visit the sick, the elderly and the imprisoned.

PROGRAMS CONT...

Thrift Stores

Through donated merchandise from the community at large, the SVDP thrift stores, located at 2320 W. Lincoln Avenue and 8010 N. 76 Street in Milwaukee, and 4476 S. 108 Street in Greenfield, benefit our friends in need in a number of ways, including, fulfilling gift certificates for clothing, new beds and household merchandise which are issued by volunteers during the Neighbors Helping Neighbors home visits. In addition, Society stores provide quality merchandise to budget-conscious, and low-income shoppers.

Any program revenue generated supports other charitable works of the Society including our Meal Program and Home Visits.

Our newest “Bradley” Thrift Store successfully opened its doors in January 2024. Located at 8010 N. 76th Street in Milwaukee, this store serves as a wonderful new resource for local families in need.

VINCENTIAN SERVICES

In 2023 ...

- SVDP Milwaukee was supported by **665 dedicated volunteers**
- Loyal Vincentians volunteered a total of **55,727 hours**
- **10,363 home visits** were made throughout Milwaukee County

MEAL PROGRAM

In 2023 ...

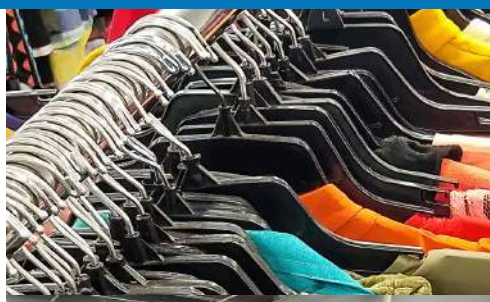
We served **62,482 warm, nutritious meals** to families in need at our two meal site locations on Milwaukee's northside and southside

Of the total meals served, **8,000 were served to young children**

OUR THREE THRIFT STORES

In 2023 ...

- SVDP Milwaukee's three Thrift Stores gave **$109,097 worth of items** to community members in need
- **2,165 store gift certificates** were redeemed by those in need
- A total of **5,729 store volunteer hours** were completed



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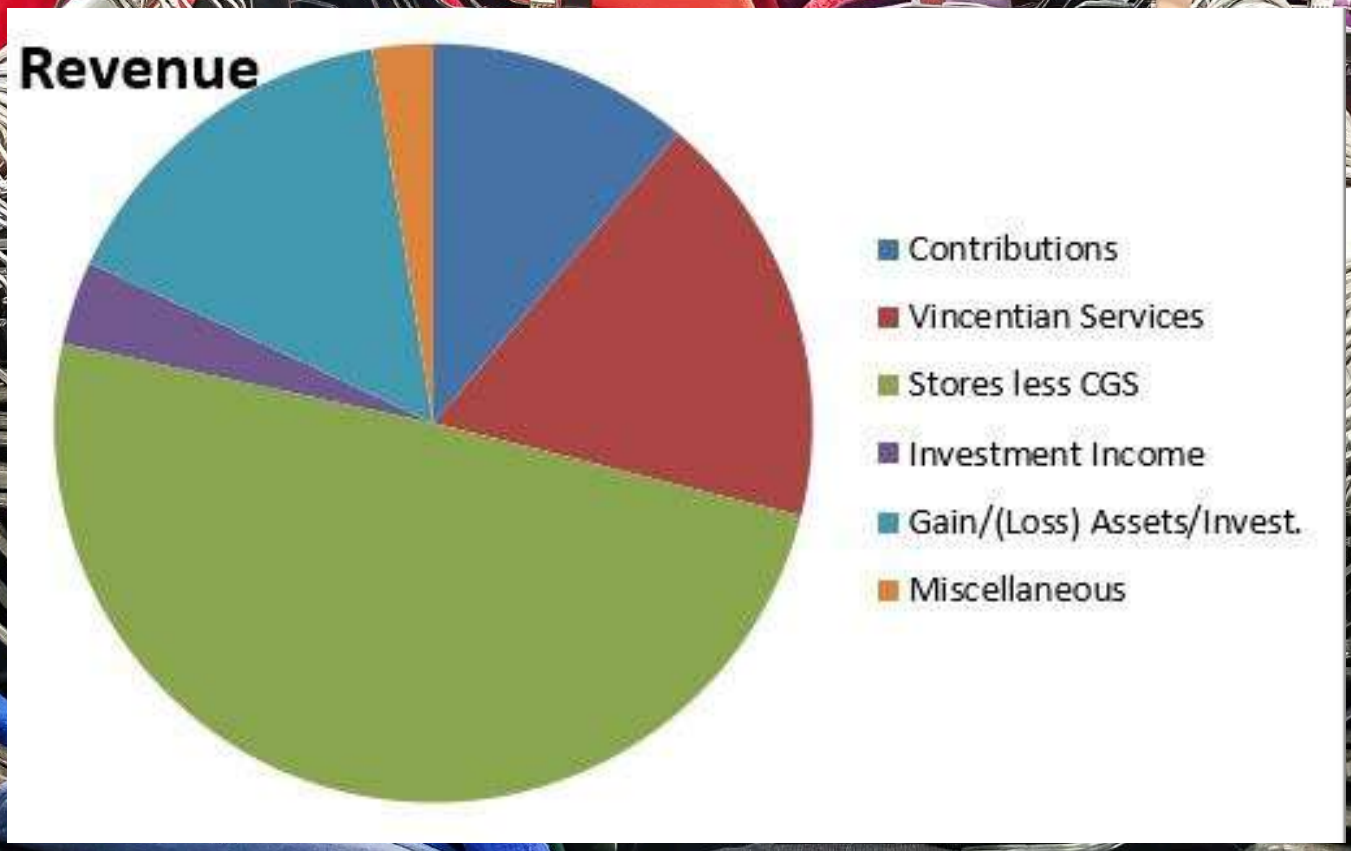

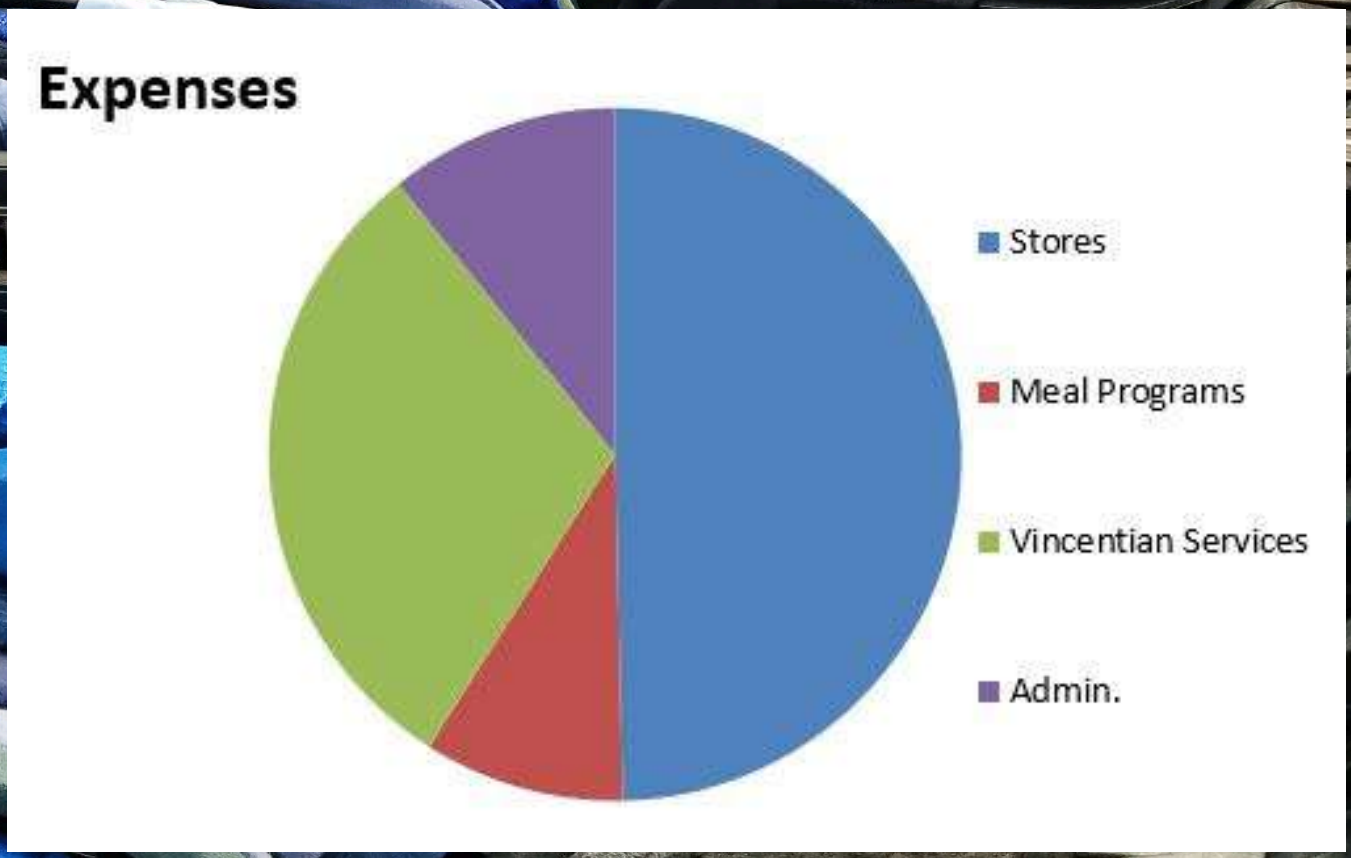

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2022	2021
Cash	$1,287,515	$864,718
Investments	7,935,751	8,061,067
Accounts Receivable	77,629	322,075
Inventories	304,128	264,329
Prepaid Expenses	80,696	114,281
Property and Equip	3,038,349	3,328,891
Other	509,054	472,433
Total Assets	$13,233,122	$13,427,794
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$159,627	$91,845
Accrued Liabilities	119,521	144,713
Mortgage Payable	314,032	1,257,305
Other Payables	571,877	553,674
Total Liabilities	$1,165,057	$2,047,537
Net Assets	$12,068,065	$11,380,257
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$13,233,122	$13,427,794

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Revenue	2022	2021
Contributions	$2,263,953	$1,441,168
Vincentian Services	1,475,072	916,205
Stores less CGS	2,840,599	2,409,524
Investment Income	257,523	749,467
Gain/(Loss) Assets/Invest.	(1,560,633)	0
Miscellaneous	118,833	101,908
Total Revenue	$5,395,347	$5,618,272
Expenses		
Stores	$2,344,633	$2,024,813
Meal Programs	476,136	335,885
Vincentian Services	1,427,077	1,232,484
Admin.	459,693	452,311
Total Expenses	$4,707,539	$4,045,493
Change in Net Assets	$687,808	$1,572,779

Giving from the Heart

Thank you to our loyal donors, community partners, and friends for your incredible support during this past year.

Thank you...

Your friends at SVDP MKE