

Fiscal Year 2023-24
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Timothy Conference
CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

FEED THE HUNGRY

2,267 families served
\$78,683 in food purchases
Over 30 lbs of food per family, monthly
88,452 pounds of food distributed



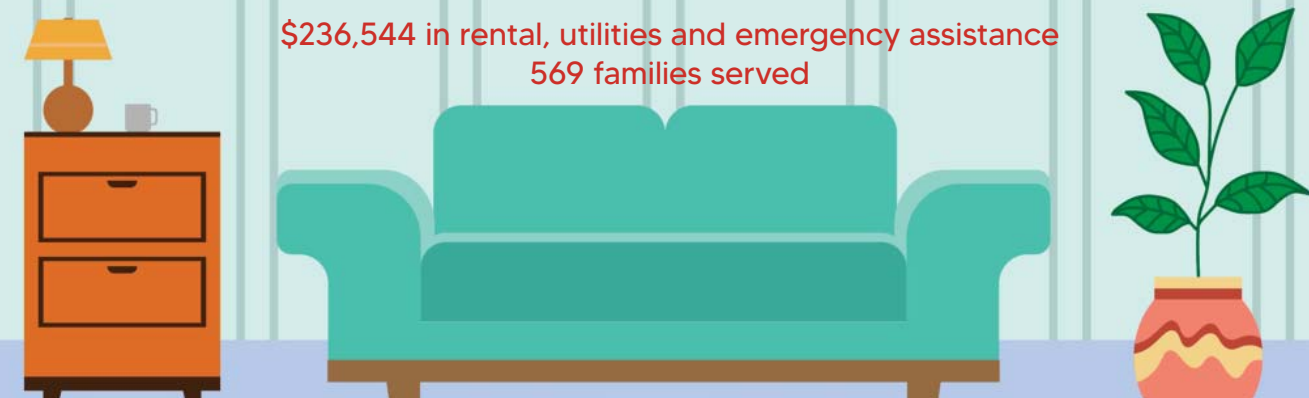
CLOTHE THE NAKED

Coats for Kids
Donated 70 new coats & gift cards for clothing
Provide clothing throughout the year



SHELTER THE HOMELESS

\$236,544 in rental, utilities and emergency assistance
569 families served



VISIT THE SICK

\$4,634 spent on healthcare costs including medical expenses, prescriptions for 10-11 families



Thank you for our continued generosity.

Helpline 1-800-873-0613 Food Pantry 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 AM, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly Virginia



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THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL • ST. TIMOTHY CONFERENCE

A Servant's ♥ Heart

CELEBRATING SERVICE, COMPASSION & GOD'S LOVE • SEPTEMBER 2025



SVdP National Assembly Draws 800 Vincentians

Four members of the St. Timothy Conference attended a vibrant National Assembly in Louisville, KY, from August 26 to 30 with Council President Larry Ferguson, to learn from other conferences and councils across the country. Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M., of Anchorage-Juneau, led a spiritual retreat on love and mercy. Three keynote speakers had authored books: "Homelessness is a Housing Problem" by Gregg Colburn, "Super Habits" by Dr. Andrew Abela of Catholic University, and "Maid" by Stephanie Land. The theme was "Honoring Heritage, Embracing Change."



THANK YOU to all donors, sponsors, and volunteers who contributed to the success of our annual Friends of the Poor Walk, held on the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul. It's always a fun day of walking, talking with family and friends, and supporting the year-round work of SVdP in our community. SVdP members consistently follow in the footsteps of Christ through acts of mercy, as highlighted in our neighbor stories on page 3. Will you help us expand these efforts? To donate, please use the QR code on this page or send a check payable to SVdP, St. Timothy Conference, to the church. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.



"Who will excuse us before God for the loss of such a great number of people, who could be saved by the slight assistance we could give them?"

-St. Vincent de Paul



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A Day of Recollection and Hope

Members of three SVdP conferences—St. Timothy, Holy Spirit, and Our Lady of Good Counsel—gathered on September 9, the Feast Day of Frederic Ozanam, who founded the Society in 1833. The theme for the all-day retreat was “Serving in Hope” aimed at inspiring hope in our mission and deepening Vincentian spirituality and fellowship among members. The day started with Mass and concluded with benediction and adoration, celebrated by Rev. Mathias Kumar, OSFS, with talks, group sharing, and individual reflection beautifully filling the hours in between.

An Eye-Opening Experience

In August, SVdP members participated in a poverty simulation workshop called the 30/30 Experience, led by United Way. The goal was to broaden our understanding of the many challenges faced by those living in poverty over a monthly period. SVdP members were virtually alternating roles with those they have served and shouldering difficult decisions as someone who is asset-limited, income-constrained, and employed (ALICE). When participants were asked at the end of the exercise to share their perception of the poor, these comments were shared:

- I used to believe that hard work would be rewarded, but now I think systems are stacked against many who are the working poor (ALICE).
- I once thought priorities could be logically established and achieved. This exercise illustrates how families in this situation are juggling ten beach balls, and some are bound to drop.
- I used to feel I had empathy for our neighbors, but now I realize I didn't have enough.



Food Pantry Improvements

To better understand the neighbors we serve, determine family size and makeup, and support future food assistance decisions, our Food Pantry has introduced a new process using an ID number system. This approach will help us register new individuals and families, keep records of previously registered visitors, and manage monthly visits, ensuring we are prepared to meet our community's needs.



The Prayer Box

A beautiful SVdP prayer box, recently blessed by Fr. Sean and Fr. Sunny, brings SVdP members closer together in prayer. The box holds the prayers of the faithful conference members. The prayer box accompanies members taking turns to Mass and adoration. This marks the beginning of a new tradition for the Conference and offers a meaningful way for members to pray for one another and for God's grace and providence to fulfill the work they are called to do.



Looking for Pics!

Parishioners, please send us any photos you may have of our Conference in action throughout our 20+ years of history. This could include Food Pantry work, helping neighbors, or past SVdP events. We are updating our historical records and looking for new pictures, preferably high resolution. Please send them to svdp.st.timz@gmail.com with the subject line: SVdP Pics.



NEIGHBOR STORIES

Service we owe our neighbor, who is the image of God.

A Hurry to House the Homeless

Late one Sunday evening, we received a call for help from a father and daughter who had been homeless for nearly a year after a fire in their basement apartment. They had been taken in by an Uber driver who invited them to stay with his family after hearing their story.

The father is a stroke survivor and unemployed. His daughter Jennifer* attends NOVA Community College and works full-time at two retail stores. Jennifer believed she had secured an apartment through Fairfax County, but then discovered it was only available if all move-in costs were paid by the end of that week. The family managed to gather about half of the required funds and was aware that missing the deadline would result in a one-month delay, further straining the goodwill of the Uber driver's wife.

The St. Timothy conference quickly responded by reaching out to nearby SVdP conferences and Council members for help with the remaining balance. A caseworker from St. Timothy coordinated with county and rental office staff to assure them that the funds were on the way. A check was hand-delivered to the rental office on Friday at midday, enabling the family to begin their move-in on Saturday. In an email, the daughter said: “Your support truly means the world to my father and me; we are so grateful for your help, kindness, and all the support from everyone.”

A Smile for Sara

Sara* left her Moroccan family behind to seek a better life in the U.S. She married, worked, and cared for her children, but then her husband decided to leave. She was suddenly divorced and raising three young kids alone. She's unsure if the stress caused the cancer that seemed to consume her, but she had to undergo surgery and a long-term recovery, which prevented her from working.

Sara received housing through a county program, and we scheduled a home visit. She was referred to us by a nearby SVdP conference, which had worked closely with her before she relocated to our service area. After moving, the children faced challenges adjusting to new schools and a more isolated location, leaving Sara homebound without a car.

Although Sara was deeply humbled by our concern, she hesitated to ask for help even though it was clear she needed assistance. As we built a friendship, Sara was able to ask for things that the county couldn't provide, such as utilities, extra food, household essentials, and pest control. Sara's problems are far from over, but she feels uplifted by the friendship we share and can smile and laugh once more.

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Assisting Parishioners With Gratitude

It all started with a call from the parish office, with a request from a parishioner for help obtaining a wheelchair. This, we later learned, was only the tip of the iceberg and the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

We visited Carol and Ted*, quickly realizing how overwhelmed they truly were, especially Carol. So, we began by helping pay an overdue bill, then continued by providing Communion on Sundays, helping them have enough to eat, assisting with home upkeep, picking up prescriptions, tidying cluttered bedrooms, and simply taking out the trash each week and collecting the mail every few days. What the future holds for this family is known only to God, but we will keep walking with them as we do with our own family.

Carol has consistently shown her gratitude for all the help she receives. We, in turn, have thanked her for allowing us to be part of her life, bringing us an outpouring of grace from loving one another.

**Names changed to protect privacy.*