



St. Vincent de Paul Society-Annual Report for 2008-09

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, a local health and welfare organization providing services, etc. that positively affects the human health and welfare of area individuals and families, is an international network of local neighborhood volunteer groups whose members provide person to person service, e.g. home visits, personal contacts with people in need regardless of their religious affiliation. This assistance includes temporary emergency help to low income, hurting families with items such as emergency food, clothing, furniture, utility help, etc. Visits to the sick and elderly are also done on a regular basis. The SVDP has a Central Office with the Diocese of Cleveland which coordinates the local parish groups(Conferences) and the 4 Ozanam Centers in the Diocese.

In 2008-09, it is estimated that the 65(greater Cleveland-41; Lorain County-6; Akron -18) St. Vincent de Paul Society parish groups in northeast Ohio helped in the following ways:
Parish Units(Conferences).

People assisted.....	66,252
Patient Contacts in nursing homes, etc.....	7,117
Spent for food and emergency help.....	\$1,321,325
Value of donated food, clothing, furniture, etc.....	\$ 713,809
Value of Blanket Sunday Collection.....	\$ 93,797
Value of Back to School Collection.....	\$ 49,500

Ozanam Centers(3 in Cleveland and 1 in Akron)

People assisted.....	93,098
Value of donated food, clothing, furniture, etc.....	\$676,428

There were about 65 local neighborhood SVDP groups and 760 volunteers in eight counties of northeast Ohio: Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Summit, Lorain, Medina, Ashland and Wayne. SVDP members spent approximately 72,739 hours in this service worth more than an estimated \$509,173 (\$7.00 per hour). The 4 Ozanam Centers had about 1,500 volunteers who spend 19,514 hours helping people worth an estimated \$136,598 (\$7.00 per hour) for a grand total of \$645,771 for the volunteer help.

The total value of SVDP emergency assistance to people is approximately \$2,854,859 plus the \$645,771 in kind volunteer service for a grand total of \$3,500,630.

Management expense, etc. are very low because our programs are run primarily by volunteers. The expenses of the Diocesan Council probably are about 6-7% of the total financial figures of the SVDP Volunteer Network and the work of the 65 neighborhood volunteer groups and the 4 Ozanam Centers listed above. The purpose of the Diocesan Council is to support and supplement the work of the SVDP volunteer neighborhood network.

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