The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Welcomes Gregory Werner and Theresa Golightley

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that Mr. Gregory Werner has been appointed Financial Controller, effective November 1. Gregory joins the Society after 30 years in the utilities industry. Greg looks forward to applying his wealth of knowledge and experience to ensuring the financial health and longevity of the Society and its mission. Gregory lives in Stow, where he and his wife are active members of Holy Family Parish.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that Ms. Theresa Golightley has been appointed Marketing and Communications Manager, effective November 1. Theresa joins the Society with grant writing experience in the nonprofit healthcare sector. As a grant writer, she has secured singe-instance grant awards of up to $1.5 million. Theresa is passionate about raising awareness for the Society and creating new opportunities for donor and community engagement. Theresa resides in Westlake with her husband, David and their daughter, Grace.

WANT TO HELP OTHER CONFERENCES?

Bill Brandoni and Mike Birskovich are starting a CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE that will help Conferences that are struggling to do all they’d like to do. Some Conferences need assistance supplying all the need in their service area, some Conferences don’t see enough need in their community to keep their Vincentians busy. Some Conferences need to recruit new members, some need to raise money to support their clients, some need help filling out their annual reports, etc.

If you’d like to volunteer to spend an hour or two occasionally helping Conferences with needs, please contact Bill at Lake-Geauga@svdpcle.org or Mike at Mbirskovich@svdpcle.org. On the other hand, if your Conference needs assistance, please contact either of these Committee Presidents and discuss your challenges or problems.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT DUE THIS MONTH

All our Conferences use the same EIN (IRS non-profit identity number) on our bank, savings, checking, and investment accounts. The Central Office summarizes all your numbers and fills out one IRS 990 report for all of us and sends to the IRS each year. Conferences that don’t do this would have to fill out their own IRS 990 and send to the IRS. The IRS 990 Form is requirement for all non-profits in the U.S. to maintain their 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.

All our Conferences have been sent the proper form that summarizes your financial data, and also the good works your Conference has done during the past fiscal year. Our SVDP fiscal year is October 1 to September 30 each year.

If you have any questions about the form, or did not receive the form, please call the Office immediately. If you’d like help filling out the form, our new Comptroller, Greg Werner, will be happy to work with you.

PLEASE make sure we have your data in the office by November 30.
One of our members, Sue (Immaculate Conception) manages the McKinley Outreach Center in Willoughby. This center - not a Vincentian operation - provides food, meals, clothing, medical items and many other services to the poor in western Lake County. Sue also is leading an effort to bring the "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" program to Lake County. This program has already obtained funding and has assembled some trained facilitators. If you are not familiar with the "Getting Ahead" program, it is an extension of "Bridges Out of Poverty", where our neighbors will attend a series of 16 sessions aimed at helping them address areas in which they can better help themselves. This program is actively promoted by the SVdP National Council. We are currently looking for neighbors who can benefit and who are willing to participate.

At our last District Council meeting, we hosted a compelling speaker from the Sub Zero Mission. This is a group with the belief that "no one should freeze to death in America". Although headquartered in Painesville, they work throughout northern Ohio and neighboring states, with Ohio service areas including Cleveland, Akron, Columbus. They have specially-trained volunteers who drive two buses into homeless camp sites delivering coats, sleeping bags, boots, hats and gloves. We are currently seeking opportunities – perhaps by hosting a "stuff the bus" event, collecting items for distribution or attending one of the organization’s fundraisers - to more closely assist this impressive group. You can learn more by visiting their website at "https://subzeromission.org/".

**SPECIAL REPORT FROM LAKE/GEauga DISTRICT**

By: Bill Brandoni, District President

The Lake/Geauga District Council consists of eight Conferences. We are blessed to have some very active conferences and volunteers. Recently, we raised over $3,000 at our annual Friends of the Poor Walk®. Four of our eight conferences have adopted the CMS case management software offered in our diocese. Two of our conferences are participating in the new Micro Loan pilot program, where we have already facilitated two loans, and are close to a third. These loans directly impact those individuals and families who would otherwise face utility disconnects, evictions or hunger. Truly, it is a shining example of our mission in action!

DOING GOOD Editor note: Lake/Geauga District has been blessed by strong leadership and involved Vincentians during the past 8 years. They are willing to assist any District or Conference that may wish to emulate any of their programs.

**CRAIN’S BUSINESS HONORS SVDP CONFERENCE TREASURER**

The October 13th edition of Crain’s Cleveland Business News honored Halle Sturgill with their “Notable Women in Finance 2018” recognition. Halle was nominated by her boss, the CEO of Universal Screen Art Inc. Hollie is CFO of the Hudson internet retailer and is in charge of accounting, finance, and directs the contact center, IT and inventory demand planning departments, and oversees 55 employees and six direct reports. She has also initiated several task forces, including the improvement of IT security and the reduction of outbound shipping costs, which have resulted in unlit-six figure savings to the company.

John Kane, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference at St. Mary Parish, in Hudson, told us “Halle is a very humble person and does not talk about her position in her company (I knew she worked in accounting for Universal Screen Arts Inc. but I had no idea she was the Chief Financial Officer!!!).”

John went on to say, “She works 50 to 60 hours a week at her company, and still finds time to be an active member of our Conference and volunteered right away to be our treasurer. On Home Visits with the poor she demonstrates an innate talent with being able to connect with people, to put them at ease, and to give them hope. In a word, she is the epitome of what a Vincentian should be. She is truly a remarkable woman who is most deserving of this kind of recognition.

**DOING GOOD congratulates Halle Sturgill on receiving the special recognition and honor from Crain’s but also for her exceptional devotion to helping the needy and disadvantaged in the Hudson area.**

**WISH LIST**

- Gently used clothing racks, some on wheels, some stationary
- Folding tables either 4 ft. or 8 ft. lengths
- Metal or wooden storage shelves.
- Heavy-Duty Rolling Cart (Wagon)
- Metal Shelving
- POS System/Cash Register

If you can help with the above items, please contact: JBruening@svdpcle.org

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