DID YOU KNOW

Each year, Northeast Ohio St. Vincent de Paul parish groups (Conferences) impact over 260,000 needy individuals and families in the following ways:

- Provide emergency help to prevent water, heat and electric utility shut-offs
- Distribute hundreds of warm winter blankets to homeless individuals and shelters
- Provide free food, clothing and other necessities at our multiple food pantries
- Distribute more than $40,000 worth of back-to-school supplies to needy children
- Visit thousands of sick in hospitals and elderly in nursing homes
- Spend more than $1 million assisting the needy in our eight-county service area

As more people experience difficult economic times, the need for SVDP’s assistance is increasing.

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Taking Care of Northeast Ohio’s Poor Since 1865
WHO WE ARE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland (SVDP) is a local Catholic human service and welfare organization of neighborhood volunteer groups from more than 60 participating parishes (Conferences) throughout the Diocese of Cleveland’s eight-county area. Each year, approximately 260,000 individuals receive nearly $5 million in aid via food donations from SVDP’s multiple food pantries, clothing donations, utility assistance and more regardless of race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

SVDP has over 1,000 volunteers (Vincentians) of all ages, colors and economic backgrounds throughout Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Summit, Lorain, Medina, Ashland and Wayne counties. What makes SVDP volunteers unique is their personal involvement in the areas of intervention, consultation and direct dollar or in-kind service.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an advocate for those who are defenseless or voiceless, and always maintains the utmost confidentiality and dignity of those it serves.

SVDP’s individual Conferences are divided into five District Councils: Akron, East Cuyahoga, West Cuyahoga, Lorain and Lake/Geauga. The Diocesan Council is a liaison among these District Councils, the Cleveland Catholic Diocese and the National SVDP in St. Louis.

SVDP WANTS YOU!

There are myriad ways you can help SVDP continue to assist the poor in our region:

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & TALENTS

- Join/start a parish-based Conference
- Organize a food drive (we can help!)
- Host a special fundraising event
- Volunteer at one of our food pantries

MAKE A DONATION TO HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP OTHERS

- Food Drive (food or financial contributions)
- Annual Campaign
- Car Donations
- Legacy Giving: Wills, Trusts and Bequests

BENEFITS OF JOINING SVDP

When you join an already-existing Conference or initiate one at your parish or school, you become part of a regional, national and worldwide network of people like yourself, who strive to grow spiritually by providing tangible services to those in need. As a member, you will have access to local resources, which include the SVDP Cleveland monthly Vincentian newsletter, “DOING GOOD” and updates and key information from the SVDP National Council in St. Louis. There are also meetings with fellow members to discuss common problems and concerns.

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