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CARING FOR OUR NEEDY NEIGHBORS SINCE 1865
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SVDP has exciting plans for the Brookside Family Center in 2019. The hunger center operates Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location also features a resale thrift shop, offering gently used clothing, toys and household items.

The purchase of the building was made possible thanks to The Schultz Fund, an endowed fund held by SVDP. Created by the late Mr. Dwight Schultz, the endowment was specifically dedicated to improving the Clark/Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts, toys and clothing!
Hello and Happy New Year!

It is my hope that you find yourselves refreshed from the Christmas holiday and invigorated by the promise of the New Year ahead. Myself and the entire staff of the Cleveland Diocesan Council extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous commitment of time and talent. Should you ever need assistance, please contact us; we are here to support your good work in any way that we are able.

With Blessings for the Year Ahead,

John Patton

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The Hunger Network is bringing its Stay Well program to SVDP hunger centers this year. The objective of the Stay Well program is to help those requiring food assistance improve their health and quality of life.

The program brings clinical professionals on site to provide: non-diagnostic health assessments (blood pressure, blood sugar and BMI); one-on-one counseling regarding nutrition, medication and lifestyle; assistance enrolling in Medicare/Medicaid and other benefit and insurance programs.

The program has provided over 10,000 health screenings to residents of Cuyahoga County.

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The feature-length presentation “Our Faith in Action” tells the personal stories of national Vincentian members. The film premiered on EWTN on Sunday, January 6th. Click here to find EWTN in your area.

Basketball Game

Holy Family Parish (Stow) will host a priest vs. seminarian basketball game, with the proceeds benefiting SVDP! A donation of $2 at the door is suggested, and SVDP will be onsite collecting new and gently used clothing and shoes for the Brookside Family Center Thrift Store. The fun will include a 50-50 raffle!

Where: St. Vincent - St. Mary High School
When: January 27, 2019
Doors open at 4:45 pm and the game tips off at 6:00 pm.
On December 11th the SVdP Conference at Prince of Peace Parish in Barberton had the opportunity to team up with Best Cuts for an evening of serving the less fortunate in the community. The event, held at the parish hall, offered free haircuts and styling, along with a hot meal and giveaways, to current and new clients.

The event was the result of a recent home visit to an elderly client who could not afford a haircut and was too embarrassed to even go outside. While purchasing a gift card for the client at Barberton Best Cuts, Jane Perino from Prince of Peace SVDP met the manager, Rachel Hartung, and soon they were planning a “Holiday Hairstyling Event” for local SVdP clients. Rachel coordinated with several Best Cuts locations and found other stylists eager to participate.

The event was held in the early evening 2 weeks before Christmas. Invitations focused largely on families with children, recognizing that haircuts for a family of 4 or 5 could run to nearly $100. Not something that most client families could afford, especially at the holidays.

27 clients showed up and signed in for a haircut. There were several others who came just to get warm and have a hot meal. Most of the clients were from POP home visits. Conference volunteers provided plenty of hot and cold food, desserts and packaged snacks. Gift bags containing treats and personal hygiene items were given to all attendees, as well as a variety of free books for the kids.

But the highlight of the evening was the haircutting/styling provided by the talented Best Cuts stylists. The Best Cuts and SVdP volunteers felt the evening was a real success as the spirit of Christmas, of love, joy and hope, was unmistakable.