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**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are 770,000 homeless children enrolled in public education systems.

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**GATEWAY SHELTERS OPEN THE DOORS TO STABLE HOUSING**

**THE PATH TO SAFE, SECURE HOUSING BEGINS AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In 2008, as part of Dayton and Montgomery County’s 10-Year Plan for Ending Chronic Homelessness and Reducing Overall Homelessness, St. Vincent de Paul and Homefull were asked to partner their resources and expertise to develop the Gateway Shelter system. Under the new program, anyone seeking a referral to subsidized housing must be a guest and triaged at a Gateway Shelter.

The St. Vincent de Paul Gateway for Women & Families (formerly known as St. Vincent Hotel) is located on Apple Street with St. Vincent de Paul now providing 24/7 shelter operations alongside Homefull’s on-site, housing-focused, case management team. In 2009, the community opened the Gettysburg Gateway for Men with St. Vincent de Paul and Homefull replicating the same successful partnership relationship they formed on Apple Street.

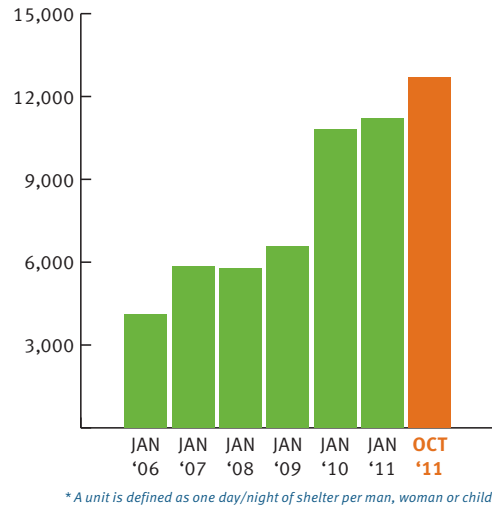
The numbers of those served at both Gateways has increased dramatically. As shown in this bar graph, the number of units of shelter operations provided by St. Vincent de Paul continues to increase. This October, our guest levels were exceeding those seen even in past Januarys — typically our highest volume month due to weather — indicating that we have not yet reached our peak.

While these numbers reflect the opening of a second shelter and a struggling local economy, they also indicate the homeless population’s recognition that our Gateways are more than just a safety net. They also are the path of entry to supportive housing programs including 92 units provided by St. Vincent de Paul for single men, single women and families with children.

Acceptance in St. Vincent de Paul’s housing programs requires a commitment from the client to pay 30% of their housing costs and actively work a comprehensive case management program. With direction and support from a St. Vincent de Paul case manager, the client develops a plan to address the circumstances that led them to homelessness. Furthering their education to improve their earning potential, healing wounded relationships and developing healthy lifestyles are key tenets of any case plan.

And the numbers document that the Gateway plan is working. In 2010, there were 600 men, woman and children sheltered by St. Vincent de Paul who successfully made the transition from homelessness to secure, permanent housing and we are on track to accomplish the same for 2011. Thank you for your support as we continue to build new ways to provide assistance, shelter and hope to those we serve.

**Monthly Units of Emergency Shelter Provided by St. Vincent de Paul**



**SALEM CENTER DEDICATION**

Doors are being opened in many ways at the Salem Center at 4825 Salem Avenue next to the Precious Blood Parish. The Parish and St. Vincent de Paul held a dedication and blessing on Sunday, October 23 followed by an Open House to celebrate the openings of the Center’s three ministries benefiting the community.

Vincentians at Precious Blood, St. Paul’s and St. Rita’s parishes have pooled their resources to feed their hungry neighbors with a jointly operated Food Pantry. Requests for assistance and offers to volunteer or make food donations may be made by calling (937) 867-5077. The doors to education, ideas and opportunity are being opened at the Brunner Literacy Center by the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Tutors and students alike can join by calling (937) 567-9600. And, closets and basements are being de-cluttered of clothing, furniture and household items for the St. Vincent de Paul Community Store. Donations may be dropped off during store hours, Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (937) 222-5555, x216.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of St. Vincent de Paul,

During a recent meeting of non-profit organizations, I was reminded of the crew members who, oblivious to the fact that their ship has just collided with an iceberg and was sinking like a stone, were dutifully arranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*.

Denial is not one of our passions at St. Vincent de Paul. In fact, we recognize and embrace the challenges facing us and every organization that serves our community.

God's call to us will not change simply because government funding is down. We won't shave our core values because philanthropies are increasingly challenged. And we won't abandon our accountability to the community — and to those entrusted to our care — because we find ourselves upon hard economic times.

From my perspective, we should focus on this essential truth about St. Vincent de Paul. We are doing God's work. Our mission is grounded in our faith and our commitment to social justice — and not on our annual operating budget.

Is it important to have a robust, disciplined and financially successful business model that flows from these values? Is it essential to foster and sustain partnerships — private and public — that maximize both the services delivered to our clients and the outcomes we help them achieve? Is telling our story dramatically and compellingly critical to our success?

Yes, yes and yes.

Beyond these answers is this inescapable fact: only St. Vincent de Paul, with the incredible support of our partners, is able to provide the safety net that protects and serves more than 100,000 persons in our community every year.

From the three-year-old spending her first night in shelter, to the single mom in Englewood worried about how to feed her kids, to the senior in Kettering forced to choose between paying for rent or his medications, we remain committed to our mission of assistance, shelter and hope. Nothing will ever change that.

For much of our work, of course, we rely on you. **Can we count on you for your continued support?**

During this holiday season, as we prepare again to celebrate God's greatest gift to us, please keep us in your prayers and support our work as generously as you can. Every dollar we receive, every gift of clothing and personal items, every volunteer hour you contribute — all will be used to lift the lives of those we are called to serve.

God's blessings on you and your family this holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bohardt". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

David Bohardt  
Executive Director

## 700 WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

We had another tremendous turnout for our 4th Annual Friends of the Poor® Walk on Saturday, September 24. Seven hundred walkers, their supporters and our corporate sponsors demonstrated their compassion for our community's poor by contributing \$55,020 for St. Vincent de Paul's local programs.

Plans are already underway for the 5th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk next year which will be on the fifth Saturday — September 29, 2012. Event volunteers are always welcomed! Please call Terry Williamson, Development Program Manager, [twilliamson@stvincentdayton.org](mailto:twilliamson@stvincentdayton.org), (937) 222-7349, x419.



# Thank You

## to all who made the 2011 Friends of the Poor Walk such a tremendous success!

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 Melissa Pangaeon Projectile Motion Roller Girls For The Poor  
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## LEAVING A LEGACY

If you are considering including St. Vincent de Paul in your estate plans, please contact us so that we may be aware of your plans and document your wishes. It would be our honor to be included in your legacy. Our official name, for insertion in your will or as a beneficiary of life insurance policies or other financial instruments, is St. Vincent de Paul Society, District Council of Dayton, Ohio, Inc. To share your legacy gift plans with us, please contact Terry Williamson, Development Programs Manager, at (937) 222-7349 ext. 419 or at [twilliamson@stvincentdayton.org](mailto:twilliamson@stvincentdayton.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by Frederic Ozanam as a college student during 1832 in Paris, France.



## VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of most cars, trucks, vans, fleet vehicles, trailers, boats, motorcycles and RVs — even if they don't run. Proceeds from the sale of the vehicles directly support our programs and services. Donating is quick and easy. Just call (937) 222-5555 or complete the donation form on our website, at [www.stvincentdayton.org](http://www.stvincentdayton.org).

Our team will make all the arrangements and pick up your vehicle, typically within 24 hours.

## OUR HOMELESS PREVENTION TEAM

Often the most visible works of St. Vincent de Paul in our community is our faithful service of sheltering the homeless. However, it is the charitable work of its conference members known as Vincentians which touches more of our neighbors in need than all of our programs combined. Across the Miami Valley, over 700 volunteers through their local parish-based conferences provide person-to-person assistance with basic living needs to those who have nowhere else to turn.

Keeping the utilities on for a family facing a disconnection of services after unemployment benefits have run out, delivering groceries to a lonely widow, whose limited income and mobility hinder her from shopping for food, and assisting with a rent payment for a family juggling medical bills. These are among the many ways the St. Vincent de Paul conferences help the impoverished struggling to stay in their homes. We often refer to the Vincentians as our “homelessness prevention team.”

Vincentian service can take on many roles. Some focus on being call takers, fielding calls for assistance; others serve as home visitors who personally assess the needs of household. “When we visit we typically find that their needs are far greater than their original request,” says Bill Loftus, President of the Dayton District Council. “We often find that they are sleeping on the floor, or have no table for the family to gather for meals or for the children to do their homework. And, we are able to connect them with other support services available to them.”

Each conference accepts clients from their neighborhood who either reach out to the parish for help or who are referred by other organizations. Collectively, this network of 35 conferences covers the Greater Dayton area and outlying communities dividing their service areas by zip code. Their volunteer work is funded not only by collections taken in their local parishes, but when needed, by available funds from donations received by our Dayton District Council.

New Vincentian members are always welcome, especially during these times when so many are in need of help. Besides compassion, discretion is an important virtue of the Vincentian's work. “Many of our clients are not strangers, but neighbors who are secretly struggling to stay afloat,” says Loftus. “Through our work as Vincentians we deepen our relationships with not only the Lord but His ‘sheep.’”

If you would like to become engaged as a Vincentian or start a conference in your parish, please contact Loftus at [billoftus@yahoo.com](mailto:billoftus@yahoo.com) or (937) 361-6995. For a complete list of area conferences visit [www.stvincentdayton.org/conferences](http://www.stvincentdayton.org/conferences).

## RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND MOTIVATION

In the tutoring rooms at Kettering Commons, academics aren't the only focus of Tutoring Program Director, Matt Birdsall, and his team of volunteer tutors. They are also watching to reward the students with a "Caught Being Good" ticket. Exceeding expectations and demonstrating responsibility, encouragement, commitment, teamwork, safety or the 4 P's — patient, polite, positive and prompt — are all reasons for celebration and recognition.

"Responsibility is an issue with any child, but many of these children do not have adequate role models in their lives that exhibit a strong sense of responsibility," said St. Vincent de Paul Community Board Member and program founder, Eric Romer. That's why the tutoring program incorporates teaching the virtues of respect, responsibility and motivation. "We encourage tutors to use every opportunity to reinforce these three

basic principles, in the hopes they will serve to be a life long guide for productive living," said Romer.

There is every evidence that their approach is paying off. The energy in the tutoring room is positive, with students themselves holding each other accountable. Reports from their school's teachers are that academic scores and attitudes are both on the rise.

The tutoring program, open Monday–Thursday afterschool is one of the many ways the St. Vincent de Paul Kettering Commons supportive housing program provides structure, stability and role models for children from impoverished families. These life skills are an important component of our goal to break the cycle of poverty for our client families.



## SUCCESS STORY: MELISSA AND ANDRE

For Melissa and her son Andre, St. Vincent de Paul's Kettering Commons "has been a God send for us. We had no safety net, no family to turn to."

Melissa's ongoing medical problems were totaling \$1,000 a month, forcing difficult choices between prescription co-pays, rent and food. And Andre felt so alone in balancing his schoolwork, household responsibilities and worrying about his mother's health. Facing eviction, they turned to St. Vincent de Paul and were referred to the Kettering Commons program which specializes in assisting families whose medical issues are interfering with a parent's ability to provide stable housing.

With St. Vincent de Paul's case management team's expertise and direction, Melissa was able to stabilize her health and identify resources to assist with her medical needs and enroll in the Wilberforce University's CLIMB Program for adult learners. She is

now pursuing a bachelor's degree in Health Services while working at an area hospital as a medical encoder.

With a full-time, on-site case manager and a resident manager watching over the families residing at Kettering Commons, Andre was able to focus on his academics — and enjoy being a teenager. Andre graduated from Fairmont High School as a member of the National Honor Society and shined as a tenor in both their Symphonic Chorale and the Illusion Show Choir. He is now a freshman at the University of Cincinnati studying Speech Therapy.

"The staff at Kettering Commons has been so supportive of us," said Melissa. "They have been so proud and encouraging of Andre's accomplishments including attending his musical performances. I can't thank them enough for all the assistance they gave us to take control of our lives and work around obstacles."



# MISSION

## A BUILDING ON A MISSION

Most people don't think of an office building as integral to an organization's mission, but that certainly is the case with the Job Center complex owned and managed by St. Vincent de Paul.

Located on S. Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, the Job Center is a 340,000 square foot building that houses more than 40 governmental and non-profit agencies providing comprehensive training, employment and other human services to residents of the Miami Valley — many of them currently served by our Gateway Shelters or other housing programs. The one-story facility's wide hallways were designed to host job, housing and health fairs.

In addition, the lease income generated by the tenants of the Job Center supports our overall mission of providing assistance, shelter and hope to more than 100,000 persons annually in our community.

“Many of our community-based partners are headquartered at the Job Center,” said Executive Director David Bohardt. “Among the most important is Homefull, our case management provider at the shelters. Having their professional staff literally right down the hall from us encourages collaboration and effective strategizing on behalf of our clients.”

Other important components of St. Vincent de Paul's operations, including the Community Store, Wood Shop, Food Pantry, and Deconstruction Depot would not be possible — or certainly less efficient — without the space available at the Job Center. That space also translates into new opportunities that benefit the entire community, like the development last year of state-of-the-art facilities for the Samaritan Homeless Clinic.



Speaking of space, there is still 150,000 square feet of undeveloped office space at the Job Center — space that would be perfect for non-profits or other agencies providing services to the community.

“We are also willing to consider leasing space to a limited number of for-profit organizations, said St. Vincent de Paul Director of Operations Rob Andrews. “The Job Center has excellent access to both Interstate 75 & U.S. 35. And we have a loading dock and parking infrastructure that should be attractive to local agencies or firms looking for a new home.”

Supporters of St. Vincent de Paul can help by making certain their contacts in the non-profit and corporate community are aware of the opportunities available at the Job Center.

For more information, call Andrews at (937) 222-7349, x281.



## WISH LIST

St. Vincent de Paul's Special Works programs serve a wide variety of needs as we offer assistance, shelter and hope. The high-priority items listed below are things that are always needed and often in short supply.

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent Hotel Gateway Shelter, (120 W. Apple Street) or at the St. Vincent de Paul Community Store (945 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.), and they will be routed to the program sites where the need is greatest. You may also call us at (937) 222-5555 if you are interested in making a donation of needed items.

### St. Vincent de Paul Hotel and Gettysburg Gateway for Men

#### Toiletry/Hygiene Items

- Adult protection (i.e., Depends)
- African American hair products
- Deodorant — spray
- Ear plugs
- Feminine products
- Foot powder
- Hair brushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- Liquid hand soap (refill size)
- Lotion
- Men's anti-itch/anti-fungal spray
- Razors (Men's and Women's)
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Tissue
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Vaseline

#### First Aid Items

- Alcohol pads
- Antibiotic ointment
- Band-Aids
- Gauze pads
- Medical tape

#### Household/Kitchen Items

- Air freshener
- Aprons
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Blankets
- Can openers
- Crossword puzzle books
- Dishwasher detergent

- Disposable 1/2-sized steam table pans
- Find-a-Word puzzle books
- Laundry detergent
- Meat slicer
- Oven cleaner — low odor
- Paper bowls
- Paper vups
- Paper plates
- Plastic flatware
- Plastic water bottles
- Pots and pans
- Scouring pads
- Zip-top bags (Qt. & Gal. Size)

#### Men's

- Coats and other clothing (XX, and XXX+ sizes)
- Shoes
- Shower shoes
- Underwear — (boxers and briefs)

#### Women's

- Pajamas/nightgowns
- Shower shoes
- Socks
- Toenail clippers
- Underwear

#### Children's

- Baby bottles
- Baby wipes
- Bottle brushes
- Diaper bags
- Diaper ointment
- Diapers
- Formula (milk and soy-based)
- Pack-N-Play
- Pedialyte
- Play yards
- Shower shoes
- Socks

- Strollers (sturdy)
- Thermometers
- Underwear

#### Other

- Dollar Tree gift cards (\$10)

#### Food

- Assorted dried pastas
- Bagged salads
- BBQ sauce
- Canned entrees — beef stew, chicken noodle, chili, etc.
- Canned fruits — all
- Canned goods
- Canned meat and fish
- Canned vegetables — all kinds
- Chips
- Coffee, decaf
- Coffee, sugar, non-dairy creamer
- Condiments
- Cooking oil
- Crackers
- Creamed soups
- Disposable salt and pepper shakers
- Gravy
- Hot sauce
- Instant potatoes
- Juice
- Loaf bread
- Lunch meat and cheese
- Margarine/butter
- Non-stick spray
- Noodles
- Pancake syrup
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Produce
- Rice
- Salad dressings
- Salt and pepper

- Sugar substitute
- Vinegar

#### Office Supplies

- Copy paper
- Markers/Sharpies (black)
- Masking tape
- Printer cartridges (HP 14, 15, 45)
- Shredder

### St. Vincent de Paul Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing for Women and Families

- Blankets
- Bus tokens
- Cleaning supplies
- Cookware
- Diapers
- Dishes
- Drinking glasses (glass or plastic)
- Electric stoves, washers & dryers (in good condition)
- Gift cards (for food & items for children)
- Pillows
- Sheets (twin and full)
- Silverware
- Towels
- TVs

### St. Vincent de Paul Center

- X-long twin size sheets
- New bed pillows
- Disposable razors
- Shower shoes
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Decaf coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar/sugar substitute
- Canned/fresh fruit

- Canned tuna/salmon
- Cooking oil
- Non-perishable food for diabetics is especially needed

### St. Vincent de Paul Safe Haven

- Athletic socks
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Dragon's tickets
- Dress socks
- Hedge trimmer
- Men's bicycles (new or used)
- Men's underwear sizes 40, 42, 44, 46
- Razors
- Shower shoes

### St. Vincent de Paul Community Stores

- Beds — twin and full sizes
- Clothing and linens
- Coffee tables
- Dinette sets
- Dressers
- End tables
- Love seats
- Sofas

### St. Vincent de Paul Community Food Pantry

- Beans, dried
- Beef Stew, canned
- Noodles, including Ramen
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Tuna, canned

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(937) 461-7837

**St. Vincent de Paul Center**  
(937) 222-3661

**St. Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing**  
(937) 222-1869

**St. Vincent de Paul Kettering Commons**  
(937) 630-3950

**St. Vincent de Paul Safe Haven**  
(937) 277-9610

**St. Vincent de Paul Community Food Pantry**  
(937) 630-3940

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Inspired by Gospel values, the members and staff of the Dayton District Council, through its Conferences and Special Works, grow in spirituality by providing person-to-person emergency assistance and supportive services to the poor, homeless and unemployed populations of our community, as well as to people who need assistance during unexpected life crises.



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