

We've been helping people worldwide since 1833.



The Society was founded in 1833 in Paris, France by Frederic Ozanam. By 1845, the first Conference in the United States was formed in St. Louis. Today, membership totals more than 150,000 in eight regions throughout the United States.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. The Society collaborates with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction among those served, because in them, members see the face of Christ.

This personalized involvement makes the work of the organization unique and may take the form of intervention, consultation, or direct dollar or in-kind services. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

St. Vincent de Paul relies heavily on volunteer staffing. We need you to help us help others.

Shop—for great values at our thrift stores.

Volunteer—through your parish, at one of our stores, or in one of our outreach ministries.

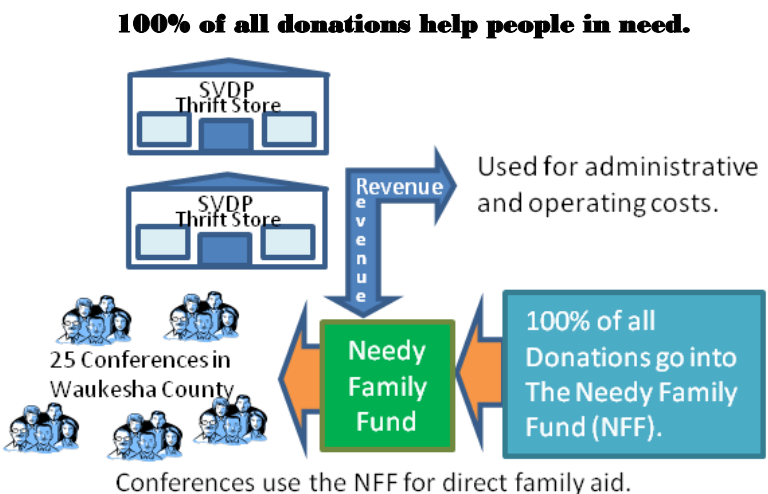
Donate—funds for aid to people in need or donate items to our thrift stores and food pantries. To make a cash donation, please use the envelope provided or you can donate online using a credit card. See our website for vehicle donations.

Pray—that we use our time, talent and resources with wisdom, compassion, and skill.

Need Help?

Call your local Catholic Church and ask for a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer to contact you.

After a person or family in need contacts a local catholic church, St. Vincent de Paul members (Vincentians) from that church provide a home visit, determine the need, and provide help. The Needy Family Fund is there should the need exceed local parish conference funds. The two Waukesha County thrift stores operated by St. Vincent de Paul, provide revenues used to fund all St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha administrative expenses. **Thus, 100% of your donation goes directly to help our neighbors in need.**



St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic lay organization serving the needy in 140 countries without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin. To learn more about St. Vincent de Paul Society of Waukesha County, go to: <http://stvincentwaukeshacounty.org/>

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St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County



The Needy Family Fund



- Home Visits*
- Food Pantries ~ Meal Program*
- Rent and Utility Assistance*
- Thrift Stores ~ Clothing and Furniture Vouchers*
- Jail Ministry and Aftercare Program*
- Kids Summer Lunch Program ~ Back-to-School Supplies*

The Needy Family Fund unites Waukesha County St. Vincent de Paul conference groups in solidarity to help struggling families and individuals out of crisis and on to the road to self-sufficiency.

What is the “Needy Family Fund”?

The St. Vincent de Paul Needy Family Fund is a reserve that represents solidarity, unity, and community—wide outreach throughout Waukesha County.

All 24 St. Vincent de Paul conference groups and the Jail Ministry may draw from the Needy Family Fund if any of their treasuries run low. This ensures needs can be met for struggling families and individuals who reside in all Waukesha County communities.

The Needy Family Fund is supported by generous donors, St. Vincent de Paul conference groups and Thrift store revenue.

100% of every dollar in the Needy Family Fund is used to help people out of crisis and on to the road to self sufficiency.



Stories of Help and Hope ~ Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Bible reminds us that God knows us, loves us and that God hears our cries.
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28

Homelessness

“Last year my wife, daughter and I were living in our car. We lost our jobs and got evicted from our apartment. We lost everything. I found work through a temp agency. We saved almost enough for a security deposit and rent but were \$200.00 short on an apartment we found that we could afford. It was getting colder outside and couldn’t lose this chance. I called St. Vincent de Paul and they helped us. We are still in that same apartment.

Months later, a lady from St. Vincent de Paul called to see how we were doing and asked if we needed help with school supplies for our daughter. My daughter received a back-pack, school supplies and a shoe gift card. I am so grateful to St. Vincent de Paul for not forgetting about us.” ~James



Feed the Hungry

“I want to thank St. Vincent de Paul for all the help they gave me and my family. I’m a single mom raising two young boys.

I was able to find a job and two St. Vincent de Paul members helped me with food, part of my rent and gasoline to get to work until my first paycheck came in. I cannot ever repay them. Things are still tight but we are making it. I want to thank these two angels. God bless.” ~Tracey

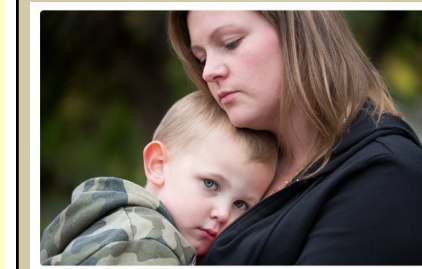


**Prayer
Hope
Love
Support**

“Thank you so much to St. Vincent de Paul for being there for me after my car accident. As a single mom of three it was hard and we struggled for almost two years trying to keep things together. I felt I could always turn to St. Vincent de Paul, even if only for someone to talk to. We are now on our feet again and I will look to help others as you have helped us.” ~ Alicia

In Times of Crisis

“I can’t thank St. Vincent de Paul enough. You helped my family through some very rough times.



My husband is battling cancer. During his treatments I had to cut my hours at work to take care of him. You helped us pay for a medication and catch up on our electric bill. Thank you for that. It is hard to hold on to my faith right now but you gave me hope. I will pray for you too.” ~Pauline

The Home Visit

On a person-to-person basis, Vincentian members are invited into the homes of our neighbors in need offering help, hope, and encouragement – an ear to listen, a hand in a time of crisis and hope to guide people toward programs that can bring lasting change into their lives.

Help Us Help Others

We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others ...

To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work.

~ St. Vincent de Paul

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Our Mission

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and Patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.

Organized locally, members witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice.

St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Facts

- Comprised of 24 Catholic parish conferences throughout Waukesha County and a Jail Ministry.
- Approximately 500 Vincentian members provide assistance to people in need that may include emergency rent, utilities, food, clothing, household goods and/or referral services.
- Annually, one-on-one visits are done in many settings which includes more than:
 - ◆ 2,750 Home visits
 - ◆ 676 Eldercare visits
 - ◆ 2,007 Prison visits
 - ◆ 156 Hospital visits
 - ◆ 8423 Other visits