

## We've been helping people world-wide since 1933.



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

#### Ways to Help

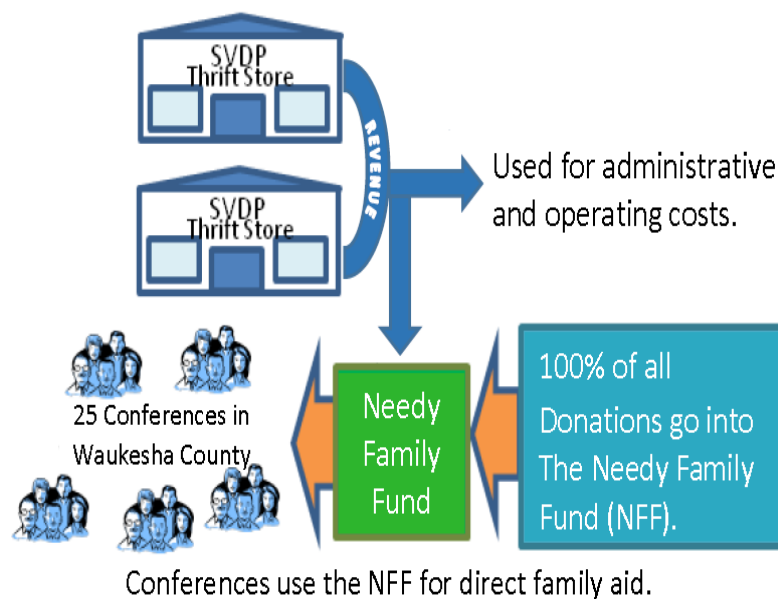
**Shop**—for great values at our thrift stores.

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

**Donate**—funds to help us assist our neighbors in need or donate items to our thrift stores.

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

#### How it Works



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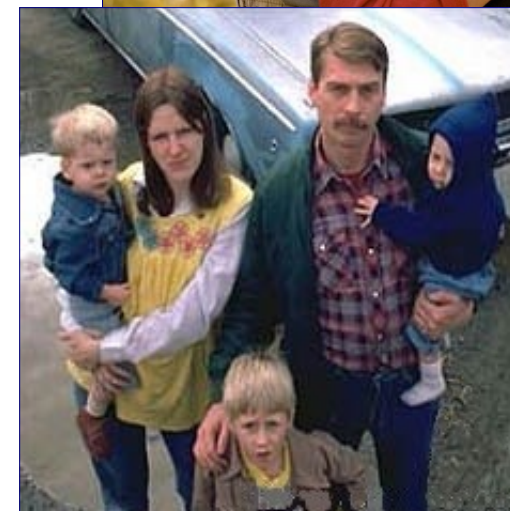
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## St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County



## The Needy Family Fund



St. Vincent de Paul Society is an International Catholic lay organization serving the needy in 150 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://stvincentwaukesha.org>

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**



# 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 25 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 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



### 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 catch up on our electric bill and still pay for his medication. Thank you for that.

It's hard to hold onto my faith right now but you gave me hope. I will pray for you too." ~ Pauline

### Prayer Hope Love Support

"Thank you so much for being there for me after my car accident. As a single mom it was hard. I struggled for almost two years trying to keep it together. I could always count on St. Vincent de Paul, even when I only needed someone to talk to. We are now on our feet again and I will look to help others as you have helped me. ~ Amy

### Feed the Hungry

"I want to thank St. Vincent de Paul for all the help they gave me and my kids. I found a job but was having a hard time making ends meet until my first paycheck. Two St. Vincent de Paul members helped me with food, part of my rent and gas to get to work. I cannot ever repay them.



Things are still tight but we are making it. I want to thank these two angels. God bless." ~ Tracey

## 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 25 Catholic parish conferences throughout Waukesha County and a Jail Ministry.
- Approximately 640 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:
  - ◆ 2,350 Home visits
  - ◆ 500 Eldercare visits
  - ◆ 4,800 Prison visits
  - ◆ 413 Hospital visits
  - ◆ 750 Other visits

### 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**

*100% of your donation goes directly to our neighbors in need.*

