

About Us

The Beginning

Our mission traces its roots back to 19th century France. Inspired by St. Vincent de Paul, college student Frederic Ozanam and his friends were stirred to action because of the suffering of those in need and created The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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The Conferences

In 1853, the first Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was formed in Louisville at the Cathedral of the Assumption. Over 170 years, Conferences were established across the Archdiocese of Louisville becoming St. Vincent de Paul Louisville (SVDP)

The Campus

In 1982, we were gifted St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul School building, and the rectory. We expanded our conference services to support those in need in new ways. This launched what has become our Shelby Park campus.



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The Mission

Our mission to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity has been built brick by brick and made meal by meal through our donors' hearts of service and financial generosity.

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TODAY



VISIT OUR SHELBY PARK CAMPUS

Address: 1015-C South Preston St., Louisville, KY 40203; send correspondence to PO Box 17126, Louisville KY, 40217-0126

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Main Contact: (502) 584-2480



GET INVOLVED

Ways to Volunteer: Open Hand Kitchen, Food Pantry, Family Success Center, Campus Beautification, SVDP Conferences, Thrift Stores, Warehouse, Santa Shop, or Organize a Drive.

Contact: Bex Willenbrink, Volunteer Coordinator, at rwillenbrink@svdplou.org or (502) 301-8695.



FOLLOW US ON ONLINE

Website: www.svdplou.org/

Newsletter: The Good Samaritan - Print / Digital

Facebook & Instagram: @svdplouky

LinkedIn: St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

SVDP Podcast: www.svdplou.org/podcast/



VEHICLE DONATIONS

What to Donate: You can donate a vehicle, running or not, and we'll even tow it free-of-charge.

Contact: (502) 468-8953 for more information. All profits support our services to those in need.



St. Vincent de Paul
LOUISVILLE



FACTS SHEET 2024-25

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE

SERVING THOSE IN NEED SINCE 1853





HOUSING

400 PEOPLE HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT

On-Campus Housing Programs

Ozanam Inn Men's Emergency Shelter is a 24/7 facility serving 40 single men 18 years or older.

Veterans Housing has 24 private rooms for homeless male or female Veterans at Waypoint House. We also provide transitional housing for 20 Veterans.

Family Housing has 32 apartments for homeless families across three buildings where one resident has a disability.

One Bedroom Apartments has 10 one-bedroom apartments for individuals and/or couples where one resident has a disability.

Tranquil House has 12 efficiency apartments for those with a chronic mental illness.

Off-Campus Housing Programs

This is scattered-site housing for individuals and families throughout the city. We have three programs, including for those fleeing domestic violence, with roughly 175 beds available every night.



FEEDING

650 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVE FREE GROCERIES EVERY MONTH

The Food Pantry is 100% volunteer-run and open twice weekly. Every Tuesday and Thursday clients receive fresh produce, frozen meats, poultry, fish, and pantry staples.

We serve people with a variety of backgrounds, such as children, single parents, Veterans, and seniors. These can be our existing clients and those in the 40203 zip code, such as the neighboring Smoketown and Shelby Park areas.

The Open Hand Kitchen serves free dinner at 5 p.m. every day of the year to anyone who walks through its doors. We average about 175 people for dinner every day.

Each meal is nutritious and typically consists of a meat, vegetable, starch, and salad to include the main food groups. Staff and volunteers serve meals in our cafeteria-style dining room.



SUPPORTING

1:1 EVERY CLIENT IS OFFERED INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Case Management is the primary component of real change in the lives of our clients and is what differentiates us from similar organizations. We want to support our clients with wraparound services, not just house them or feed them.

The Family Success Center supports families and youth by enriching their family life. We provide year-round educational and social development opportunities for children. This includes after-school and summer programming to elementary and middle school students.

The Mental Health and Substance Use Program (MHSU) is guided by treating mental health and substance use issues based on the needs and goals of the individual. Many of our housed clients can have multiple mental health conditions. We address these issues in a safe environment.



SUPPORT OUR THREE THRIFT STORES—DONATE. SHOP. FUND OUR MISSION.



Location: 10280 Shelbyville Road

Phone: (502) 253-2901

Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Location: 2217 Hikes Lane

Phone: (502) 473-8856

Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Location: 8633 Preston Highway

Phone: (502) 384-0071

Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Store Donation Hours: 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Donations Not Accepted
Sundays and Mondays

Contact: Free donation pick-up
of large items at (502) 468-8953