

The Good Samaritan

Ozanam Inn Renovation Project Complete

“Everyone should have a clean place, a safe place to sleep,” said Executive Director/CEO Ed Wnorowski, as he addressed those gathered for the rededication of Ozanam Inn, our homeless men’s shelter here at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

With the support from a Louisville Metro Government Emergency Solutions Grant and matching donations from Fifth Third Bank Foundation, the Gheens Foundation, and many generous individuals, we were able to update critical areas in this high-use facility. Renovations include new restrooms, counseling spaces, HVAC, security, fire alarms, LED lighting, and an emergency generator. We were also able to renovate the 20 individual rooms reserved for homeless veterans. These renovations will assure a clean, safe environment for the 90 men who seek shelter nightly. “The scope of this project really was transformative. We are absolutely thrilled and appreciate everyone’s contribution,” said Jennifer Clark, Director of Programs at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

In direct response to the street homelessness crisis, we’ve made great strides in reducing the barriers that many individuals face when choosing to seek shelter. Also, in response to best practices identified in a report published by the University of Louisville (Solving Street Homelessness; June 11, 2019) we are implementing trauma-informed best practices to better serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness. St. Vincent de Paul



The improvements to Ozanam Inn are more than cosmetic. Renovations include new restrooms, counseling spaces, HVAC, security, and an emergency generator.

Louisville is building on the success of adding case management as a shelter service. “Case management is the catalyst that moves people to self-sufficiency,” Wnorowski said. “Our outcomes validate this approach.” On average 7–10 shelter guests are moving into permanent housing in any given month, and over 50 have moved into housing since January 1, 2019.

We want to thank all the donors that made this project possible. Their support ensures Ozanam Inn will continue to provide shelter to those in need for years to come.



From left, Carey Addison of Phoenix Family Health Center, Melissa Kratzer of the Coalition for the Homeless and Jennifer Clark, Director of Programs at SVPD.



Danny Flanagan, Director of Human Resources, performed an original song titled “Holy Place” during the event.



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Our Mission

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville partners with individuals and families in crisis and helps them navigate a path to stabilize their lives and reach their full potential.

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New Program Launches This Fall to Address Youth Homelessness

We are excited to announce that this fall we will be partnering with the Home of the Innocents to prevent and end youth homelessness. Through funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP), we will house 24 young people that are experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

In addition to housing, the youth will also receive case management with a goal of transitioning to permanent housing.

Along with ten other communities across the country, Louisville was awarded the HUD YDHP grant in July 2018. The Coalition for the Homeless Youth Committee and asked them to develop a plan for ending homelessness among youth and young adults in Louisville and consulted with a representative group of youth known as the Youth Action Board.

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and the Home of the Innocents submitted a joint proposal to provide services and housing. Our partnership, along with five other

agencies, was awarded the funds and will be participating in this coordinated community effort.

This effort will go a long way to address the problem of youth homelessness, but there's still work to do, and more resources are needed.

What You Can Do to Help

In a few weeks, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville will be launching our "Help Make It A Home" program to address some basic needs our clients have once they are housed with us. The program will benefit Roberts Hall, the SRO, and other campus housing programs, including the new YHDP program.

We'll post a gift registry with links to linens and pillows, pack 'n plays, baby wipes, trash cans—all the things someone needs when setting up a home.

Your support of this program will help us provide a warm and welcoming environment for the new faces and help to prepare them for the next stage of their life.

More information about the program and details about how you can help will be available in the coming weeks.



Are you enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards program? If not, take a moment to sign up and designate St. Vincent de Paul as your charity of choice. Once enrolled, your purchases start earning rewards that fund campus programs.

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Success Stories

Case managers work hard to help clients gain financial stability, achieve and maintain sobriety, and so much more.

Brittany, a families case manager, has helped two clients achieve major financial goals this month.

One young mother, Stacey, wanted to move to a new apartment but owed a significant amount to LG&E. This month she settled that account.

Anna also paid off all of her debt and can now begin saving money for emergencies.

Alex came to Ozanam Inn extremely motivated, finding his own apartment, and paying rent on his own after completing an intensive outpatient program. Cassidy, the Ozanam Inn Program Manager, used the SVDP box truck to help him get his belongings out of storage into his new place. He left Ozanam with 30 days of sobriety and started working to regain some custody rights for his young son.

Food Pantry Turns Five



The Food Pantry on St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus celebrated five years of feeding those in need. Every Tuesday and Thursday, volunteers help pantry clients shop for groceries, and most other days volunteers are picking up food and stocking the shelves. This is truly a volunteer-run service, and we thank them. We also need to thank Dare to Care for their support and partnership in this effort.

During a brief ceremony, Father John Burke offered his blessing, and Donna Young spoke about the importance of this program that keeps food on the tables of so many. Eagle Scout Alexander Hasty, St. Albert's Troop 327, was kind enough to build a table and two benches in honor of Deacon Mike Layman. The table and benches will sit outside the pantry and provide a comfortable place to rest and chat with friends.



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End of Summer and Back to School

Our annual summer camp at the Family Success Center was a hit again with the kids. Each week the kids attended classes by Kentucky Science Center, Snapology and Drama by George, as well as taking field trips to Locust Grove, Speed Museum, Muhammad Ali Center, and more. There was also plenty of free time in the afternoons for basketball and air hockey—anything to beat the heat this summer.

The after-school program is starting, and we're looking for volunteers help out in afternoons. Middle and high school students are encouraged to apply. To sign up, visit <https://signup.com/go/xbxnGEE> or contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.



Your used vehicle, running or not, can help people in need. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's Donated Vehicles Program provides a critical revenue stream to help support our many programs and services. We accept cars, trucks, RVs, boats, etc.

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Contact Wanda Selph to learn more about how you can earn a tax donation for your gift. She will handle all of the details, including the title paperwork. We strive to make the process as easy as possible for our donors. We even provide free towing for vehicles, if needed. Contact Wanda at (502) 589-7837 or wselph@svdplou.org.

Clubs & Cocktails Tickets Available Now



Tickets to the 2019 Abel Construction Clubs & Cocktails are on sale now. Last year, we raised over \$200,000 to support our mission at St. Vincent de Paul. Your continued support helps to fund after-school programming at the Family Success Center, daily meals at the Open Hand Kitchen, emergency shelter for homeless men at Ozanam Inn, and so much more.

The two-day event kicks off Sunday night, September 8, with a dinner and auction at Louisville Marriott East. The second day, September 9, is a golf scramble at Hurstbourne Country Club. Tickets are on sale now at bidpal.net/2019clubsandcocktails.

Sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact Abigail Costello at (502) 272-2134 for more information.

We hope you will join us in helping our Louisville neighbors in need by participating in our largest fundraiser of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share in the reward that comes from knowing you're helping the thousands of men, women and children served each year by St. Vincent de Paul.

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