

The Good Samaritan

Thank You for Another Successful Clubs & Cocktails



Guests enjoyed dinner before the evening's big event—the live auction.

By Abigail Costello

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville board, staff and all of the people we serve each day, thank you very much for your support of the 2019 Abel Construction Clubs & Cocktails! This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and it provides urgently needed funds to help thousands of poor and homeless men, women, and children in Louisville and Southern Indiana. This year you helped raise over \$130,000!

St. Vincent de Paul's largest annual event, the 2019 Abel Construction Clubs & Cocktails presented by The Underwriters Group took place Sunday, September 8 at Marriott Louisville East with a dinner and auction, followed by a golf scramble on September 9 at Hurstbourne Country Club.

Dinner

Before the main event, guests bid on over 80 auction items ranging from jewelry to dinner packages. The very popular bourbon-pull sold out before dinner started and raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win a large bottle of Weller Special Reserve.

Vicki Rogers of V Media Group emceed the evening and auctioneer Shaun Logsdon, in full-cowboy attire that included a 10-gallon black hat, led the live auction.

Guest Speaker

With a warm hug, Bridget Key welcomed our guest speaker, Adrienne Elmehalaway, to the stage. As Adrienne's case

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Board member Tonda Helton (left) and friends chat with Ed Wnorowski, Executive Director of St. Vincnet de Paul.



Case Manager Bridget Key (right) introduces our guest speaker, Adrienne Elmehalaway (left).



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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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It's Time to Start Making Holiday Plans at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

Santa Shop

Each year our "Gifts from the Heart" program asks for donations of new gifts that will be organized into a mini-mall in the Family Success Center. Last year over 500 families were invited to make their own selections for their children. Parents have expressed joy and gratitude as they leave with their donated gifts.

When you sponsor a tree, we'll deliver a table-top tree to your business or organization with hearts containing the age and gender of a child in need. On the back of the heart, you'll find gift suggestions. We'll return by December 3 to pick up the unwrapped gifts.

Parents are invited to attend Santa Shop on December 8, and, accompanied by a volunteer, can shop for clothing and toys for their children. They'll finish out the day with free gift wrapping.

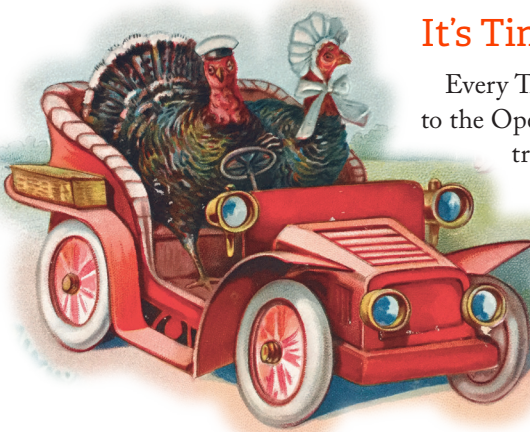
To volunteer, sponsor a tree, provide a new gift or make a donation, contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.

If you'd like to shop at Amazon and have your gift shipped to us, we've put together a wish list at <http://bit.ly/SVDPSantaShop>. Don't forget to sign up for AmazonSmile and make that gift go even further.



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It's Time for a Turkey Drive

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, visitors to the Open Hand Kitchen are treated to traditional holiday meals. Donations of whole turkeys—large and small—would be greatly appreciated and will help make this a holiday to remember.

Turkeys can be dropped off at the Open Hand Kitchen, 1026 S. Jackson St., from 8 am to 6 pm daily.

Serving Team Sign Ups

Looking for more ways to help during the holidays? Join a volunteer serving team in the Open Hand Kitchen. On Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day we serve a special meal to diners in the Open Hand Kitchen and need a few more servers than usual. This is a great opportunity to meet the community we serve every day. For more information, contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or send an email to dyoung@svdplou.org.

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Tim Tudor won the Weller Special Reserve raffle.

manager, Bridget has seen Adrienne at rock bottom but has also had the privilege of seeing Adrienne build a new life for herself, step by step.

Adrienne has struggled with her parent's addiction as well as her own for many years. She moved several times with her son, trying to maintain her sobriety but relapsed more than once.

Through case management and hard work while living at SVDP's family housing, Adrienne is waiting for her move-up voucher to rent her own apartment.

Sadly, Adrienne's story is not unique, but through donor support, St. Vincent de Paul can help people like Adrienne get back on their feet and lead healthy, productive lives.

Golf Scramble

The weather could not have been nicer as 24 teams took to the links. First place for the golf scramble went the Schardein Mechanical team of Dennis Meiman, Matt Hawkins, Rocky Nardi and Andy Paschel.

Second place went to the Assured Partners team of Andy Bennett, Brian Nichols, Robert English and Jeff Gumm.

Third place went to the team of Larry Blandford, Greg Lehman, Brad Lehman and Bill Straub.

Other winners included Walt Schwartz (Longest Putt Winner), Greg Lehman (Closest to the Hole), Howard Goldberg (Longest Drive, Men), Karen Morris (Longest Drive, Women) and Terry Aubrey (Putting Contest Winner).

And last, but not least, Tim Tudor won the raffle of a bottle of Weller Special Reserve!

Thank You

We would like to thank all that attended this year's event. Your support funds our mission of sheltering the homeless and feeding and clothing the needy.



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website at svdplou.org

Success Stories

Mr. D has been with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville since before January. On Jan 3, 2019 Mr. D checked in to the shelter with alcohol on his breath. At this time you could not check in under the influence of any substance, leaving Mr. D without a bed and having to stay in White Flag that night. Cassidy Kennedy, Program Manager at Ozanam Inn, asked Mr. D a simple question that evening. "Do you want something different?" Mr. D had checked in and lost his bed several times prior for being under the influence. Case Manager Stacy Boyd and Cassidy told him to think about what he wanted, and if he wanted something different to be back at 9 am for case management and make a plan. Mr. D was here at 9 on the 4th of January and that was the day he changed his life.

For years, Mr. D had only worked as a day laborer. He told Stacy that he wanted a job and even had specific job in mind. Within a few weeks he stopped day labor and applied for that job. He even followed up with the manager so the employer knew he was serious. His determination paid off and he landed the position he wanted.

Luck seemed to find Mr. D. He received a letter from Louisville Metro Housing Authority that he had been placed on a waiting list for Dosker Manor. Afraid for his sobriety and mental well-being, he spoke to Stacy and Cassidy about his fears. They came up with a plan: come to the Open Hand Kitchen for dinner and hang out until he was ready go home! Home sounded so nice to him. On Sept 12th, Mr. D moved into his own apartment! He hates heights, but loves the view of the city from the 12th floor of Dosker Manor. He has more than eight months of sobriety under his belt and a plan to keep it. Getting a driver's license will be his next big move. He's even saved enough money to buy a TV for his new apartment.

Just one question got Mr. D to the high he is on now, 12 floors up in his own one bedroom apartment.

Ashley W. arrived to St. Jude Women's Recovery Center unconvinced she had an addiction, prior to exiting she was able to admit she did have an addiction and that she was in need of help.

After arriving at St. Jude, Stephanie quickly obtained a sponsor and began working the steps. She met with her sponsor weekly and was a very helpful big sister to newer clients. Stephanie is now employed and in transitional housing.

Case Manager Patrick Crady helped a Veteran save enough to move out of Ozanam Inn on their own. The Veteran was able to pay first month's rent and deposit and still have enough for the month. Patrick helped him achieve full-time employment, which was the key to his self-sufficiency.

Metro United Way Day of Action at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville



September 20 was Metro United Way's Day of Action and volunteers spent the afternoon painting and landscaping at the SRO and St. Jude Women's Recovery Center. Mayor Greg Fischer and MUW President and CEO Theresa Reno-Weber paid a visit to spend some time with the volunteers. We appreciate the great effort put forth by all the volunteers from Equian.

Foundations and Others Support the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville would like to thank the following organizations, churches, and foundations for investing in our mission and supporting our work! (Gifts received since January 2019)

Louisville Metro Government Support

\$18,000 in support of Family Success Center and Open Hand Kitchen from External Agency Funds

Support for the Open Hand Kitchen

St. Albert the Great Parish & Conference | \$16,241

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish | \$3,865

William E. Barth Foundation | \$2,500

St. Williams Church | \$2,001

St. Frances of Rome Church | \$561

St. Raphael the Archangel Church | \$425

First Lutheran Church | \$250

Support for the Family Success Center

Kosair Charities, Inc. | \$15,000

Metro United Way | \$14,064

Hardscuffle, Inc. | \$10,000

Porcini Farmer Family Foundation | \$5,000

St. Agnes Catholic Church | \$3,100

St Edwards Parish | \$1,050

Support for the Food Pantry

St Michael Church and School | \$1,000

Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning | \$500

St. Stephen Martyr Church | \$450

Support for the Clothes Closet

St. Peter the Apostle Church | \$200

SVDP Conference of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | \$100

And general support for vital programs from

RJ Thieneman Family Foundation | \$1,000

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth | \$1,000

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church | \$600

Jefferson Street Baptist Community | \$300

St. Bernadette Church | \$270

Catholic Charities of Louisville | \$250

Holy Trinity Catholic Church | \$200

St. Patrick Church | \$150

St. Aloysius Catholic Church | \$100

St. Leonard Parish | \$100