

The Good Samaritan

Early Cold Snap Taxes Resources at Ozanam Inn

The sudden cold snap and added snow caught a lot of us off guard during Operation White Flag in early November. “A couple of things happened. We didn’t have an adequate number of coats for the men. When it gets cold as early as it did this year, the guys on the street don’t have winter coats yet, so a lot more come to the shelter during White Flag,” said Lonnie Williams, Assistant Director of Programs at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville. “Also, street outreach groups drop off men at the shelter all night,” Williams added.

Williams continued, “We started out taking 20 men during White Flag, then upped it to 30 and then 40, but we never turn anyone away. This year, we started out with 25 air mattresses, but then have around 42 men to shelter.”

A plea for air mattresses and blankets was answered and we were able to recover quickly and continue to provide a warm, safe place for the men seeking shelter from the weather. For that we thank you.

As we head into winter, Operation White Flag will go into effect more often and the need for resources will increase. If you would like to drop off air mattresses, pumps, blankets, sheets, pillows, and coats, please call us at (502) 584-2480 and we can coordinate your donation.



Thanksgiving at the Open Hand Kitchen



Thank you to St. Albert the Great, St. Patrick Concession Ministry, the Fisher family, and all the volunteers who provided another wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the community we serve.

Thanks to a generous gift from Scott and JoAnn Haner and a grant from the Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville was able to create a technology Center on the second floor of Ozanam Inn Men’s Shelter. The new Chromeboxes and monitors will allow our shelter clients to fill out job applications, check on benefits, and access email.

Access to computers and the internet is taken for granted these days, but without that access, many miss out on employment and other important opportunities.



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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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AT&T's Believe Louisville Program for Young Adults and Families

On November 21, more than 50 volunteers from AT&T's Believe Louisville program spent the day sanding, painting, assembling, and sorting in preparation for the new Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) launching in December at the SRO on St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus. As if the hard work was not enough, the group also gifted SVDP \$25,000 to support the program. The gift was part of a larger donation to the Coalition for the Homeless, who also received \$25,000.

"This gift from AT&T will make a huge difference to so many young adults and families," said Ed Wnorowski, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville. "With it, we're child-proofing all rooms and purchasing amenities like rocking chairs and new washing machines. We're also adding a space for staff to work with these young people to help them get back on their feet."

"With support from our more than 900 Louisville area employees, we believe we can make a meaningful difference in our community by focusing our resources on local challenges like homelessness here in Louisville," said AT&T Kentucky President Hood Harris. "We're passionate about addressing this problem and by coming together as a company and community to focus on a common cause, we hope we can make a positive impact."

AT&T launched their Believe Louisville initiative in August. Believe Louisville mobilizes AT&T's strong base of local employee volunteers as well as company resources to serve the community.

"This renovation supports the collaborative efforts of the Coalition for the Homeless and our partners, who are working hard to end homelessness among young adults and young families by the end of 2020," said Natalie Harris, Executive Director of the Coalition. "We're so grateful to AT&T for this gift to our partners at St. Vincent de Paul."



Donates \$25,000 to SVDP Facing Homelessness



Success Stories

In the month of October, the participants of the Family Success Center submitted their report cards which allows our staff to see what they are struggling with. We were able to see that reading is not a strong suit within our program. Program Manager Julio Anthony was able to coordinate services with Decode Project of Louisville to assist our students in learning the science of reading. They will also provide reading mentors to assist our participants twice a week until the school year is over. This program will give us solid metrics within our measurable outcomes involving comprehension and literacy.

One of our veterans has been fighting for his disability benefits for years. With the help of case managers, he was able to get his SSDI benefit and move into his new apt via a HUDVASH voucher.

Stephanie came to St. Jude Women's Recovery Center with a desire to recover and began working on her recovery the moment she stepped through the doors. She obtained a sponsor and worked with her case manager on the different barriers she faced. Stephanie was able to secure employment and housing before leaving St. Jude. She has earned her Alumni status and continues to give back to the ladies.



ATTENTION THRIFT STORE SHOPPERS

Our location in Clarksville, Indiana closed on November 30. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone that donated and shopped at our Southern Indiana store.

Our three Louisville locations remain open and ready to accept your donations of gently-used clothing and housewares. Our thrift stores are great place to find bargains on clothing, toys and unique gifts.

248 E. Market St. at Floyd St.

2217 Hikes Lane at Bardstown Rd.

10280 Shelbyville Rd. at Dorsey Lane

Call (502) 584-2480 for More Information

Kentucky Science Center Classes at the FSC



The Kentucky Science Center is holding classes at the Family Success Center this fall, and the kids are getting hands-on experience with science experiments like learning how an electrical circuit works. The kids made their own circuits with copper tape, LED bulbs, and watch batteries.



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