# The Good Samaritan

# Coronavirus Update from St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

We want to give you an update about how the agency and our programs are faring amid the coronavirus pandemic.

### Food Pantry

We are seeing an average of 110 families shopping at the Food Pantry each Tuesday and Thursday. Many of the new faces are shopping with us because the food pantry in their

neighborhood has closed due to lack of volunteers. Not so with our pantry. We are so grateful to all the new volunteers (and old) that show up each day to help us package and distribute food. Dare to Care has met the new demand by increasing the food delivery each week. They even assembled food boxes for the Conferences to deliver to friends in need. We are so grateful for our partnership with Dare to Care.

### Open Hand Kitchen

Since April 1st, the staff at Brown-Forman's Bourbon Street Café have been providing 400 sack meals per day to the Open Hand Kitchen and will continue to do so through the third week of May. Their generosity is overwhelming. Social distancing has shut down our dining hall, yet we've been able to provide a healthy meal to anyone that asks because of Brown-Forman.

### Staff Safety

While many of our case managers are working from home, Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter and St. Jude Women's Recovery Center remain staffed. Thanks to board member Donna Russo, Hour of Need, the Schmitt Family, Epiphany Catholic Church, St. Bernadette Catholic Church, and others, we have a healthy supply of hand-sewn face masks available for staff.

This will go along way to keep both clients and staff safer.

### Family Success Center

While the Family Success may be closed to children, Program Manager Julio Anthony has worked to see that our families are getting the laptops and internet access needed for at-home learning. We miss having the kids here and can't wait to see them again.

### Thank You

In addition to your monthly support through *The Good Samaritan*,

several generous donors have donated their \$1,200/\$2,400 Federal Stimulus Checks to us. We thank you for believing in our mission this way.

We could not have predicted a month ago what our message to you now would be. Because of your support, we can report that no one is missing a meal or going without shelter on our watch. For that, we thank you.

# Our May Tour de Change Goes Virtual



Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, we will not be able to have a Live on-campus Tour de Change in May, but it does not mean we can't still be Live and Virtual.

Join us for a virtual coffee and a brief tour of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus. This is a great way for you to learn about SVDP, our programs and mission, Changing Lives, from the comfort and safety of your home.

Our Virtual Tour de Change is scheduled on May 13th at 9 am. We will meet on Zoom and you'll hear from our staff about the impact of our work, as well as take a virtual tour of our campus.

To attend the virtual tour, go to bit.ly/virtualtourdechange or contact Jon Wysong at jwysong@svdplou.org or (502) 301-8695.

Please Join Us May 13 on ZOOM

Thanks to Dare to Care, our Food Pantry remains well stocked and the group of dedicated volunteers see that anyone that shows up on Tuesdays and Thursdays leaves with food.



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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.

# Support SVDP

To find out more about our work or make a donation, visit our website.

### svdplou.org



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

Support for the Family Success Center LG&E and KU Energy | \$1,000.00 Support for the Food Pantry St. Stephen Martyr Church | \$50.00

Support for the Open Hand Kitchen

St. Albert the Great Parish | \$1,666.67 St. Albert the Great Parish | \$1,000.00 St. Albert the Great Parish | \$500.00

Support for Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter HomeServe Cares Foundation | \$15,000.00

### And Support for Vital Programs from

Gheens Foundation, Inc. | \$25,000.00 Allen S. Mattingly Trust B | \$16,442.63

GE Foundation | \$3,765.00

The Benevity Community Impact Fund \$2,608.79

Estate of Herbert L. Lattis | \$1,764.39 St. Albert the Great Parish | \$1,666.67 Estate of Mary Rose Salerno | \$1,000.00

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# Celebrating Mothers with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

Healthy at Home measures and social distancing are keeping us from spending quality time with family. As Mother's Day approaches, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville reflects on the recent postponement of its Roses & Rosé Luncheon. Designed to celebrate mothers around this special day, we had to delay it to August due to the outbreak. We expect that Mother's Day will be just as significantly different this year for you or your loved ones, so we came up with an idea.

In the spirit of celebrating all the moms out there, we are launching our first-ever Celebrating Mothers event. Please join us



as we build a collage of pictures to honor moms and all of their amazingness. Help us meet our goal of gathering at least 200 pictures. Once created, we will post the collage on social media and our website so you can share it with that special mother in your life on her special day.

If you know a mom you'd like to celebrate, upload your favorite picture of her or of you with her at **svdplou.org/celebrating-mothers**. A donation secures your spot on the collage. What better way to say you've honored a mother by helping the many mothers St. Vincent de Paul Louisville helps every day. The deadline for submission is May 6.

Let's show mothers everywhere how much they mean to us with this tribute.