

The Good Samaritan

Introducing a New Event, Home Begins Here

We would like to introduce our new mission event, Home Begins Here. This name is significant as it encapsulates the goal of our mission and all the work that our staff and clients do to achieve that mission. Whether accomplished through the permanent and transitional housing programs, our men's emergency housing at Ozanam Inn, the meals we serve at the Open Hand Kitchen, the food we offer at the Pantry, or the children and families we help at the Family Success Center, everything we do is aimed at helping our clients to break the cycle of homelessness and position them to transition to a safe and secure home.

The free virtual event, scheduled for October 23rd at noon, will include a message from Executive Director/CEO Ed Wnorowski, a guest speaker, our dedicated staff and volunteers, and Metro Council District 4 Councilperson Barbara Sexton Smith. An online auction will begin the week of the event and conclude at the end of the virtual luncheon along with the Weller raffles that started September 18.

Last year, we made the decision to split our annual Clubs and Cocktails fundraiser into separate events. Instead of the usual back-to-back auction dinner and golf outing, we planned to convert the dinner into a lunch event later in the fall. While our golf event on September 21st was a great success, restrictions placed on gatherings due to the pandemic made holding a face-to-face luncheon impossible and unsafe. Because obstacles become opportunities, we are excited to present this virtually in hopes that many more will be able to attend and learn about our mission.

Visit svdplou.org to register for your free ticket, to purchase the Weller Flight raffle tickets, and to sign up for the silent auction. Some of the auction items available this year are a Korbel Winery Tour with airfare, a tour package for Elk Creek Vineyards, a private wine tasting with owner/Sommelier John Johnston of The Wine Rack, and a Girls' Night Out golf lesson and wine tasting for up to 8 people at Nevel Meade Golf Course.



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AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LOUISVILLE

October 23, 2020

Visit svdplou.org for Tickets

Don't Forget to Send In Your Donor Survey



St. Vincent de Paul Louisville wants to thank you for your generosity and trust in us to serve so many vulnerable people in our community. We want your experience, as a donor, volunteer, advocate, etc. to be the best it can be. In mid-September, we mailed you a donor survey that will help us achieve better engagement with you and is designed to help connect you better to the programs and efforts that matter most to you.

We are also doing this because we need more people like you who engage so deeply with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and our mission and the information you share will help guide us. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and thank you in advance for participating! You can also visit svdplou.org/donor-survey and complete it online.

Purchase Tickets for a Chance to Win A Flight of Weller

VISIT SVDPLOU.ORG FOR TICKETS





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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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St. Vincent de Paul Louisville by the Numbers

Permanent Housing Programs (All scattered site, all on-campus apartments except Tranquil)

- 328 people have been served since January 1, 2020
- We served 55 families and 113 individuals
- We served 138 children
- 91% of exits were positive

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 306 men have been served since January 1, 2020
- 58 people exited to stable housing
- 51 people were engaged in case management in July

VA Program

- 35 men have been served since January 1, 2020
- Since January, 86% of men served have exited to permanent housing
- 22% of clients with a goal to be in recovery are successfully in recovery

Tranquil House

- 11 people were served since January 1, 2020
- 67% increased or maintained mental health services
- 45% got a new resource in the community from their case manager

Family Success Center – Summer Camp

- The FSC was closed in August but will begin tutoring/assistance with

NTI (Nontraditional Instruction) on September 14.

Mental Health and Substance Use Program (Clinical Services)

- 225 Households have been served since January 1, 2020
- 98% of crisis were successfully resolved. We have had 63 incidents of crisis intervention since January 1. These included suicidality, self-neglect, domestic violence counseling and other mental health crisis.
- 211 clients have been served in individual counseling and 95% of clients surveyed report progress in therapy

Pilot Project

- 25 people a week were served in August
- 100% of surveyed participants reported using less
- 92% of surveyed participants reported developing a positive coping mechanism
- 3 people sought treatment at a higher level of care (like inpatient treatment or Intensive Outpatient)

Success Stories

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville has supported Julie in Housing for years. This month she will successfully complete the Move Up process. She saved \$600 for a deposit on a new apartment. She will have a Housing Choice Voucher through the Louisville Metro Housing Authority and has graduated from case management. This allows another person experiencing homelessness and in need of case management to enter our program.

MK is currently a client at Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter. Upon arriving at Ozanam Inn a couple months ago, MK was in emotional turmoil, financial despair, homeless, and struggling with PTSD. Through the collaboration of the Ozanam Inn overnight case management team and the SVDP Mental Health and Substance Use team, MK is receiving effective treatment for his mental illness, has started working, and has a housing plan to exit Ozanam Inn in the next few months. The collaboration among SVDP staff, departments, & partner agencies made this success possible in August.

That's a Wrap for the 2020 Clubs & Cocktails Scramble



We are so thankful to have been able to proceed with Clubs & Cocktails as scheduled this year. We weren't able to gather after the scramble for dinner and awards, but the weather couldn't have been more perfect. Hurstbourne Country Club has yet again provided fabulous service and a pristine course to play for our 23 teams and 92 golfers.

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the teams were each given a tee time to reduce any gathering, and all wore masks when around other people. We shifted purchasing online to reduce interaction during check-in and for overall crowd management.

One fun addition this year was the Dude Looks Like a Lady hole, where men could wear a hat to hit from the ladies' tees. Hats were sanitized between each player, and as you can see from the pictures, they had a lot of fun with it! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event a success!

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS

1st: Republic Bank

2nd: AssuredPartners

3rd: Schardein Mechanical

Longest Putt #1: Tony Durbin

Closest to the Hole #8: Rocky Nardi

Longest Drive Men #12: Mike Rose

Longest Drive Women #12: Carleen Herde

Putting Contest: Rocky Nardi

Pit Boss Grill Raffle: Kevin Wallace

Split the Pot: Donna Scrivener

Gifts From The Heart More Important Than Ever

By Donna Young, Director of Conference Affairs and Volunteer Services

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, continuing to serve the poor and disadvantaged in our community for over 167 years, is asking for your help this year with our Gifts from the Heart program.

Due to safety concerns surrounding the pandemic, we have been deliberating about how we can still provide Christmas for the families we serve, while keeping those families and our volunteers safe and healthy.

The Santa Shop is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th. Last year over 530 families were invited to the Santa Shop and we feel this year there will be an equal number needing help to provide Christmas for their families. We cannot help those in need without you. Please help us help others experience the joys of Christmas again this year.

This year, instead of gifts, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Louisville area stores (Target, Kroger, Walmart, Meijer and Kohl's). The families invited to the Santa Shop will receive toys for the children and a gift card for each child in that family. The parents can use the gift cards to purchase what the child might need.

We realize this is very different from other years. Our hearts hurt that we cannot help by hosting the Santa Shop this year in our usual manner, not to mention the joy of coming together and serving as the family we are. We pray that we will return to the traditional Santa Shop next year.

I look forward to hearing from you. My direct line is (502) 301-8688 or you can send an email to dyoung@svdplou.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and may your holiday season be filled with love, peace and good health.



A volunteer serves Thanksgiving meals in the Open Hand Kitchen in 2019.

Holiday Meal Update Calling All Turkey and Hams

We are committed to providing holiday meals this season, even if it means we will miss seeing all the volunteers that choose to spend their holiday serving others, year after year.

Angela and the kitchen staff still plan to prepare delicious meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but sadly our guests will not be able to enjoy them in the Open Hand Kitchen. We are planning on serving just as many people as we normally would, but the meals will be prepared to go, instead of our guests dining in.

We're planning the meals and asking for donations of turkeys and hams. Items may be delivered to the Open Hand Kitchen at 1026 South Jackson St. Call or email Angela Leavell at (502) 301-8691 or aleavell@svdplou.org for more information. Thank you! With your help, we will make these the best holidays possible.

Join Us for a Virtual Tour

Our Virtual Tour de Change is a great way for you to learn about St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and our programs and mission, all from the comfort of your home.

Our next tour is scheduled for **October 15th at 2 pm**. 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 svdplou.org/events or contact Jon Wysong at jwysong@svdplou.org or (502) 301-8695.

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IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

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Give For Good Louisville is an annual, community-wide fundraising event that occurs every September. The event is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Louisville and it is an opportunity for 500+ non-profit organizations in town to gain visibility for the good work we do in the community. On September 17th this year, these organizations participated in friendly competition to see who could get the most donations. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville wants to thank the roughly 200 individuals who supported us during Give For Good with a donation, allowing us to place 22nd among all the participating organizations. Through your generous support, we are thrilled to announce that St. Vincent de Paul raised \$39,516! You helped offer the needed programs to our clients so that they can lead stable lives. We are thankful to have your support in our mission and be an important part of our community.