

The Good Samaritan

It's been nearly a year since the first shutdown orders were issued to stave off the spread of the coronavirus. Since then, so many things have changed, but we remain focused on our mission.

Vaccinations

All St. Vincent de Paul Louisville staff who work directly with our clients were vaccinated against the coronavirus in January. Vaccinations will go a long way towards keeping clients and staff safe.

Over the course of the year, we have had several members of staff contract COVID-19 though disruptions have been minimal. It seems no one has gone untouched by the pandemic, but we count ourselves as lucky that it has not been as bad as it could have been.

We have staff and clients to thank for following the guidelines that have slowed the virus's spread.

Feeding Those in Need

We saw an overall decline in the number of meals served at the Open Hand Kitchen in 2020. In January 2020, the peak was with 11,856 meals served that month, with October being the lowest month with only 7,366 meals served. In 2019, we served an average of 11,774 meals per month. 2020 saw that number drop to 9,080 per month.

Thanks to donors, Dare to Care, and our corporate partners, there's been no shortage of meals available at the Open Hand Kitchen. Since the significant drop began in March 2020, it's safe to assume

Coronavirus Update

that the need to close the dining area and only provide take-away meals impacted the number of people served.

On the other hand, the Food Pantry saw a significant increase in the number of households served. In March 2020,



Renée Bailey, Program Manager at Roberts Hall, gets her first jab of the vaccine.

the Food Pantry served 393 families. A month later, in April, the number of households dramatically jumped to 591. That surge was not seen again until September, but the numbers remained high through 2020.

Thanks to donors and Dare to Care, our Food Pantry remained well-stocked, and the volunteers were able to meet the increased demand.

Volunteers

Probably the most dramatic change at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville has been the number of volunteer opportunities available since the shutdown began. In 2019, our volunteers logged an impressive 66,731 hours of service. In 2020, that number sank to 18,356. The risk of spreading the coronavirus is too significant to maintain the level of volunteer activity we usually see on campus.

Staff

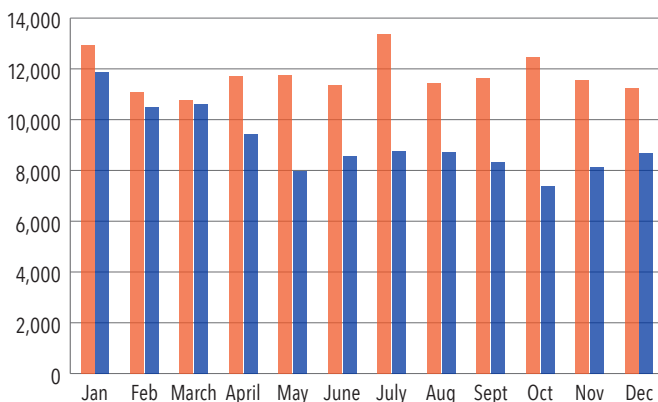
Our maintenance staff continues to clean and clean and then clean some more. The level of commitment is truly amazing and has been instrumental in keeping the spread down.

Case managers continue to work from home when possible, though programs like Waypoint House require 24-hour staffing.

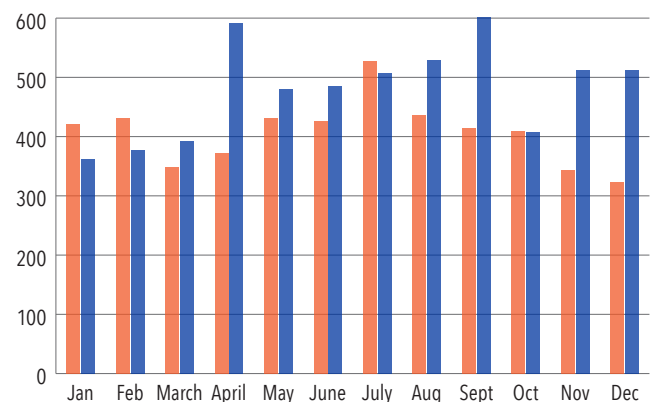
We continue to help students with NTI in the Family Success Center and will continue to do so until students can return to the classroom. It is important that all children have access to support and technology so no one falls through the cracks.

Despite some significant shortfalls in revenue from the closure of the thrift stores early in the pandemic, your support has helped us be able to achieve the wonderful successes above and not have to limit any program delivery. We thank you for your continued support in 2021 as we work hard to support our clients.

Meals Served at the Open Hand Kitchen, 2019 and 2020



Households Served by the Food Pantry, 2019 and 2020





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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)

- 344 people have been served since January 1, 2020
- We served 57 families and 117 individuals
- We served 141 children
- 75% of exits were positive

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 427 men have been served since January 1, 2020
- 79 people exited to stable housing

VA Program

- 37 men have been served since January 1, 2020
- Since January, 71% of men served have exited to permanent housing

Tranquil House

- 12 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 – NTI (Non-traditional Instruction)

- 24 children have been served, average daily attendance is 13
- 93% of participants are up to date with their assignments. When NTI support started the first week in September, only 2 participants were up to date on assignments.
- 84% of students increased or maintained their grades.

Mental Health and Substance Use Program (Clinical Services)

- 394 people have been served to date
- 118 Crisis have been resolved since January 1, 2020 with a 98% success rate
- 96% of participants in individual counseling report making progress on a therapeutic goal

Success Stories

Client DG experienced homelessness after he lost his employment as a long time over the road truck driver due to complications with diabetes. Doug was referred to SVDP Oznam Inn after a brief stay at OLOP for depression and suicidal ideation. Doug was quickly moved in our Sanctuary Bed Program due to deteriorating mental and physical health. Doug was also referred to the MHSU program and rapid rehousing. Doug was quickly able to work towards recovering both physically and mentally and has recently moved into his own apartment and currently working towards recertification as a truck driver.

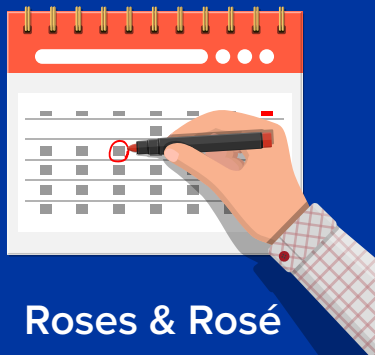
Louis Simmons was able to move into his own apartment after becoming homeless due to COVID-19. He honorably served his country and now he has gained full time employment and has successfully moved into his apartment.

Kelly successfully moved from Waypoint House into an apartment via the FUP program after being told the Home of the Innocents had no spots in their program. She successfully moved and was able to obtain all of the furniture her and her daughter needed as well as many other household items. SVDP was able to provide many household goods thanks to a partnership with AT&T and the Coalition for the Homeless.

Julie fled her hometown to come to Louisville, escaping her abusive situation. She left the hospital where she was recovering and came to Louisville despite having nowhere to go. She was living on the street until she was referred to our transitional housing program. She moved in early December and has since been promoted twice at her new full-time job.

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Roses & Rosé

Sunday, May 8th

Tour de Change

Wednesday, May 19th

Tour de Change

Tuesday, August 10th

Clubs & Cocktails

Monday, September 20th

Tour de Change

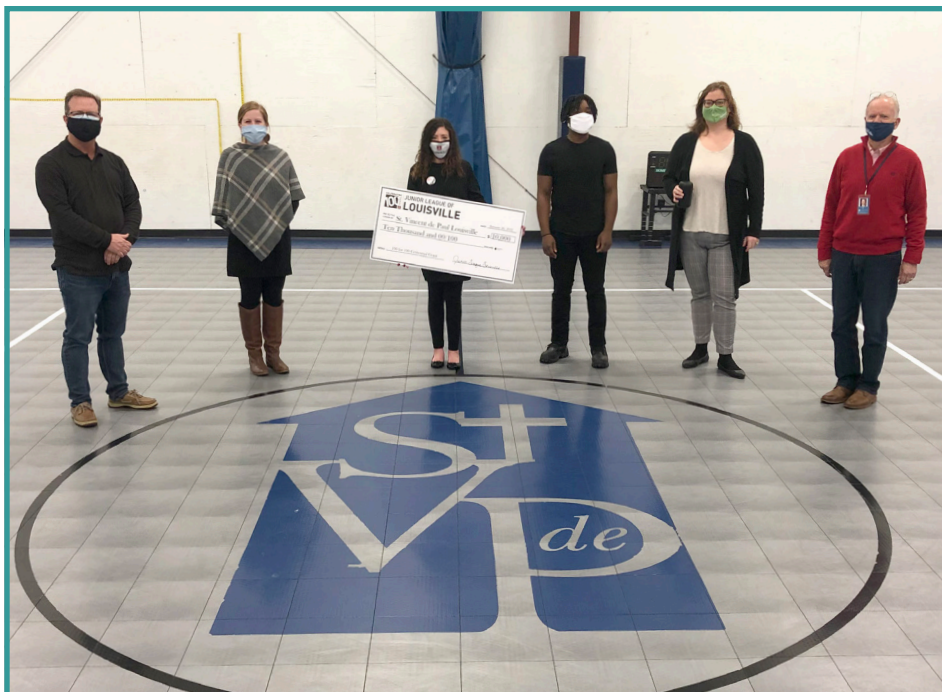
Tuesday, November 9th

Home Begins Here

Thursday, November 11th

Louis R. Straub, Sr. (1928–2021)

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Louis Straub, Sr. Lou served on the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville Board of Directors for 31 years, from 1983 to 2014. Lou was instrumental in facilitating much of the property acquisition that is today St. Vincent de Paul Homes, LLLP. He was our primary representative at the National SVDP meetings for the better part of two decades. Lou was passionate about our mission and contributed in countless ways and will be missed.



From left, Rich Flaherty, Director of Development; Abigail Costello, Development Coordinator; Julia Minotti, Junior League of Louisville Board Member; Quentin Childers, Program Manager at Waypoint House; Jennifer Clark, Director of Programs; Ed Wnorowski, Executive Director/CEO

Junior League Partners with YHDP Program

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville received a \$10,000 grant from the Junior League of Louisville for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) at Waypoint House! In 2020, YHDP provided transitional housing to 33 young adults and 3 children. In addition to fulfilling the imperative need for housing, we provide weekly programming to transitional housing residents, to help ready them for a permanent housing situation. 80% of young adults moved into permanent housing from this program, most in 6 months or less. 45% of those served reported having a developmental disability, and 25 of 33 reported having a mental illness.

The Junior League has been working with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville on programming to help these young adults with their transition readiness. They have taught, or have plans to teach, classes ranging from healthy relationships and productive personal interactions, to sexual harassment, basic finance, and sharing hobbies.

The YHDP program is in partnership with Home of the Innocents. Partnerships like these and with the Junior League make serving the community and our clients even better. Each organization is a crucial part of serving every person with dignity and respect.

Great Response to Donor Survey

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the donor survey we conducted late last year. We were thrilled that 10% of our current donors, almost 550, took the time to fill out the survey and return it. As we mentioned in the introduction last October, our goal for the donor survey was to have you help us understand why you give to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, which programs are most important to you and to make sure we are optimizing our communication with you. We plan on conducting yearly surveys going forward in addition to some short surveys which you will begin to see on *The Good Samaritan* remittance envelopes. Thank you for all the helpful information you offered up.

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

Support for the Family Success Center

Genentech | \$25,000.00
Kosair Charities, Inc. | \$15,000.00
Metro United Way | \$3,782.72

Support for the Food Pantry

AT&T Pioneers | \$1,000.00
Epiphany Catholic Church | \$1,000.00
St. John Paul II Catholic Church | \$1,000.00
Woman's Club of Louisville | \$1,000.00
Beneke Wire Company | \$750.00
St. Stephen Martyr Church | \$400.00
Stock Yards Bank and Trust | \$280.00
Owl Creek Community Association | \$100.00
St. Lawrence Church | \$100.00

Support for the Open Hand Kitchen

Lift a Life Foundation | \$20,000.00
St. Albert the Great Parish | \$6,000.00
Samtec | \$5,000.00
St. Patrick Church | \$3,265.00
St. John Paul II Parish | \$1,000.00
Crossroads Ministry Inc. | \$582.00
Ursuline Sisters | \$500.00

Support for Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter

St. Leonard Parish | \$250.00

Support for St. Jude Women's Recovery Center

St. Edward Parish | \$500.00

Support for Santa Shop

St. Bernadette Church | \$1,000.00
St. Gabriel the Archangel Church | \$1,000.00
St. James Catholic Church | \$726.00
Southeast Helping Hands Center | \$625.00
St. Raphael the Archangel Church | \$600.00
St. Leonard Parish | \$500.00
Ward Engineering Co., Inc. | \$500.00

And Support for Vital Programs from

Community Foundation of Louisville | \$75,000.00
Anonymous | \$35,000.00
The Catholic Foundation | \$20,000.00
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels | \$15,446.70
Anonymous | \$15,000.00
Flexo Wash LLC | \$10,000.00
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth | \$6,000.00
Delta Dental of Kentucky | \$5,000.00
Hardscuffle, Inc. | \$5,000.00
The Benevity Community Impact Fund | \$4,602.29
John and Carolyn McBride Fund | \$4,000.00
GE Foundation | \$3,860.00

Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc. | \$3,000.00
Younger Woman's Club of Louisville | \$2,500.00
GE Appliances Giving Campaign | \$2,442.61
St. Albert the Great Parish | \$2,133.31
John and Moira Daly Charitable Fund | \$2,000.00
Mahan Foundation, Inc. | \$2,000.00
Nicklies Foundation, Inc | \$1,500.00
Kroger Community Rewards | \$1,371.03
Archdiocese of Louisville | \$1,319.30
Ally Financial Inc. | \$1,000.00
Louisville Elks Lodge #8 | \$1,000.00
RJ Thieneman Family Foundation | \$1,000.00
St. Edward Parish | \$1,000.00
St. Frances of Rome Church | \$1,000.00
IBM Corp. | \$830.80
Baird Foundation Inc | \$750.00
St. Patrick Church | \$750.00
Frederick B. and Holly D. McKernan Charitable Fund | \$700.00
Buckner Christian Church | \$500.00
The Karre-Keyer Legacy Fund | \$500.00
Spirit of Louisville Foundation Inc | \$500.00
Todd Asset Management LLC | \$500.00
Marian Center | \$450.00
Brenda Dudderar | \$400.00
YourCause | \$372.00
AmazonSmile Foundation | \$300.32
Epiphany Catholic Church | \$250.00
Every Slice Matters, Inc | \$250.00
Mattingly Simms Robinson & McCain, PLLC | \$250.00
JustGive | \$235.94
Hexagon Technologies, Inc. | \$200.00
St. Gabriel the Archangel Church | \$200.00
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church | \$175.00
Acme Lupine & Co. | \$150.00
RunSignup Inc. | \$120.00
The GoodCoin Foundation | \$107.31
Med-Masters, Inc. | \$100.00
Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company | \$100.00
SVDP Conference of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | \$100.00
TisBest Philanthropy | \$100.00
Lam Inc | \$75.00
Sisters of Mercy | \$50.00
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County | \$37.00
St. Raphael the Archangel Church | \$30.00
Somerset Patio Homes | \$25.00
Industrial Services of America, Inc | \$7.00
Nanz & Kraft Florists | \$2.00

Gifts received May 2020–December 2020