

The Good Samaritan

Roses & Rosé Tickets On Sale Now



We are excited to bring back Roses & Rosé this year on May 8 at Porcini Restaurant. Our choice of restaurant for the event was purposeful with safety in mind and to comply with CDC and state guidelines. Restaurants, and especially Porcini, have shown us a clear record of experience in safely providing a fine-dining experience. As a contingency, we are prepared for an all-virtual event this year. Please follow our website for the most up-to-date information or send an email to Abigail Costello at acostello@svdplou.org.

The event will offer a curbside to-go meal option along with a virtual program. Whether you attend in person or virtually, you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for a chance to win one of the fun raffle packages! Additionally, we will now include a new option to buy a nice meal to deliver to the many mothers on St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share in the reward that comes from knowing you're helping the thousands of men, women and children served each year by St. Vincent de Paul's shelters, recovery programs, supportive housing programs, out-of-school time programming, and the Open Hand Kitchen.

Photos from 2019 Roses & Rosé by Andrea Hutchinson, courtesy of The Voice-Tribune. Top photo: Susie Conley, Sandy Woods, Cory Knepp, Judy Buckman and Debbie Sussman. Middle photo: Sarah Friedman and Melanie Anderson. Bottom photo: Jennifer Porter, Linda Bush, Leigh Graf, Tonda Drinkard Helton, Jennifer Porter, Jasmine Drinkard and Vonda Drinkard.



Purchase Tickets Here!
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A Teacher's Gift to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

Mary Alice Lawler, a fourth-grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School for 42 years, passed away last August at the age of 78. As part of her estate, she left over \$7 million dollars to local organizations, one of which was St. Vincent de Paul

Louisville. Ms. Lawler's generosity is moving and comes at a time when new programs can greatly benefit from this gift.

Ed Wnorowski, Executive Director/CEO, was quoted in *The Record* as saying, "This generous gift came at a very opportune time. Because of the shut down of the thrift stores, we had a huge loss in revenue last year. This will allow us to breathe a deep sigh of relief to get us through COVID, to be able to do additional good works in the community."

We are eternally grateful and her gift will have a lasting impact on those we serve.



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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 January-February

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

- 273 people have been served since January 1, 2021
- We served 46 families and 94 individuals
- We served 110 children
- 57% of exits were positive
- NOTE: Our positive exit destinations have dropped because we are back at the beginning of the year and not very many people have exited. This outcome will go up over the course of the year.

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 109 men have been served since January 1, 2021
- 4 people exited to stable housing
- NOTE: Our housing outcome was effected by the COVID-19 outbreak at the shelter in February.

VA Program

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

Tranquil House

- 11 people were served since January 1, 2021
- 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)

- 34 children have been served, average daily attendance is 15
- 90% 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.
- 86% of students increased or maintained their grades.

Mental Health and Substance Use Program (Clinical Services)

- 461 people have been served to date
- 143 Crisis have been resolved since January 1, 2021 with a 97% success rate
- 97% of participants in individual counseling report making progress on a therapeutic goal



Join Us
for a Virtual
Tour de Change
May 19 at 12 pm



Grab your favorite beverage and join us for our next Virtual Tour de Change. This 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 or office.

Our next tour is scheduled for **May 19th at 12 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.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing all the great work we're doing.

Success Stories

Tom had been living in Simon Hall for many years when he received word that we were closing the facility. Tom has a disability that makes him vulnerable to suggestion and exploitation. He depends on friends and family to get some daily tasks done but for the most part is able to live independently. While his case manager was working on a housing plan with Tom, he disclosed that he had been drugged and assaulted multiple times by someone who he thought was a friend. The case manager contacted Matt Weaver, Associate Director of Clinical Services. The case manager and Matt collaborated with our partners to get Tom to a treatment facility for his drug use (some of which had been coerced and some of which was helping him cope with trauma.) Once Tom

exited treatment, he went to a hotel and then to a safe facility at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville where we will continue working on his next step for housing. All services and next steps were tailored to help Tom maintain sobriety and stay safe from his alleged perpetrator.

With a 90-day deadline looming, Sheila was struggling to find housing that accepted her voucher. Many landlords refuse housing vouchers or their rents are far too high for someone on a housing voucher. Luckily, she had the support of a case manager that helped her find an apartment. Sheila was so excited and couldn't wait to get out of emergency shelter, where she had been living for six months, and into a place of her own. Sheila was waiting on

the landlord to send paperwork back to SVDP but her Housing Specialist had not received the paperwork. Her case manager jumped in to help her communicate with the landlord and SVDP staff. It turned out the landlord had rented the unit that Sheila had applied for. Now she was back to square one and was feeling really overwhelmed. She had two weeks left to find a place and every landlord she called either charged too much rent or didn't have an open unit. Her case manager started calling landlords too and found her an apartment. Then her case manager contacted other SVDP staff to accelerate the paperwork process so that Sheila met her deadline. Sheila has been in her place for almost 2 months now and she enjoys having coffee in her kitchen by herself every morning.

April is National Volunteer Month

The pandemic has put a stop to all but the most necessary volunteer opportunities on St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus. We miss seeing the serving teams in the Open Hand Kitchen each day. We miss the school groups that volunteer to clean up campus and donate food and time to the Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry is vital to closing the food gap for our clients and community. Due to the dedication of volunteers, old and new, our Food Pantry has remained open during the shutdown.

We are forever grateful to all our volunteers, past and present, and are hopeful that one day in the very near future we will return to normal and more volunteer opportunities will be available.

If you would like to become a volunteer, keep an eye on our website for upcoming opportunities or get in touch with Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.



COVID-19 Update

In February, we had an outbreak of COVID-19 at Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter and the Open Hand Kitchen. More than 20 clients tested positive over the course of two weeks. It started with one or two people reporting testing positive. People who tested positive in the shelter went to the isolation hotel. We reported the positive cases to Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness (LMPHW). LMPHW came out to do an environmental assessment of the shelter and make recommendations. LMPHW suggested that we not fill any empty beds until we didn't have any positive cases. LMPHW did testing in the shelter for 3 weeks. On the third week, we didn't have any positive cases and were allowed to fill beds again. However, LMPHW suggested that we further reduce the number of beds to allow for social distancing. We now have a total capacity of 50 overnight beds. Luckily, most staff at Ozanam had been vaccinated so we only had one positive staff member at Ozanam. Overall, this is the situation we've been dreading but LMPHW was easy to collaborate with and we had an excellent set of

plans and procedures to follow. Everything went as smoothly as possible.

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville collaborated with LMPHW to transport clients to the LouVax site at Broadbent Arena to get vaccinated on March 2. We transported 10 clients from Ozanam, the DV TH to RRH project, and Waypoint House. LMPHW allowed any 1A staff members who had not received their vaccine to go at that time as well and we were able to get several employees on the van who had issues with transportation or accessing an appointment. We have a follow up appointment for everyone to get their 2nd vaccination and are hoping to schedule additional transportation so that clients who were not vaccinated in the first round have another opportunity.

The Open Hand Kitchen also closed during the outbreak in February due to staff testing positive at that time. We had many partners who helped supply food to people at Ozanam Inn, Waypoint House and our DV Transitional Housing facility. Many thanks to Dare to Care, Little Caesars, and Fazoli's.

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