

# The Good Samaritan

## A Welcome Return to Mayor's Give A Day



Volunteers visited stations stacked with items like deodorant and toothpaste and filled the backpacks and storage bags.

For Mayor's Give A Day in April, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville hosted its first volunteer event in months. About 50 volunteers showed up on a Saturday morning and assembled 1,000 hygiene kits that will be handed out to clients on campus and to those visiting the Open Hand Kitchen.

While our Food Pantry volunteers have been here weekly the past year, there's been very little opportunity for big volunteer events. As restrictions relax, we hope to schedule more events this year.

Interested in upcoming volunteer opportunities? Contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or [dyoung@svdplou.org](mailto:dyoung@svdplou.org).



Abigail Costello, Associate Director of Development, welcomed the volunteers.



Muhammad Ali Special Edition Socks donated by Bombas were included in the kits. Bombas has donated hundreds of pairs of socks to us over the years.



Volunteers assembled about 1,000 hygiene kits that will be distributed to those in need around campus.



A group from Harbor House stopped by to help assemble hygiene kits.



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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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## Exit Kits

When men staying at Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter or the young people at Waypoint House move on to their own apartment, they usually have nothing more than what they had while staying with us. The St. Vincent de Paul Conferences have been putting together exit kits to provide to clients as they move on.

Most of us don't give a second thought to items like forks and knives, dish soap, and can openers, but if you don't have the basics they are desperately missed.

The Epiphany, St. Raphael the Archangel, St. Dominic, and St. Edward Conferences dropped off several exit kits in April. We are so grateful to them and to the other conferences that have committed to creating these kits.

Conference Corner is a new feature in *The Good Samaritan* where we'll highlight the life-changing work performed by the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Louisville.

If your Conference has news to share, please contact Donna Young, Director of Conference Affairs and Volunteer Services, at (502) 301-8688 or [dyoung@svdplou.org](mailto:dyoung@svdplou.org)



Mr. and Mrs. Burke from the Epiphany Conference (left and middle), with Donna Young (right), dropped off 11 exit kits filled with essentials that clients need as they move into their new apartments.

## Food Donations to the Open Hand Kitchen

In March 2020 when the shutdown occurred and donations were disrupted, the Conference at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel began making bi-monthly donations to the Open Hand Kitchen, and have continued to do so after a year into the pandemic. Working with Angela Leavell, Program Manager at the Open Hand Kitchen, the Conference tries to fill in any gaps there might be so that OHK can continue to provide daily, nutritious meals to anyone that asks.

Thank you to all the Conferences for their continued support of the mission at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville. We couldn't do it without you.



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From left, Liz Vail, West Sixth Brewing; Jennifer Clark, Director of Programs at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville; Melissa Raley, Director of Development at the Coalition for the Homeless.

## Local Breweries Team Up for Waypoint House

In February, West Sixth Brewing, River City Distributing, and Sweetwater Brewing Company teamed up with Check's Cafe, Old Hickory Inn and West Sixth Nulu for two big fundraising days. Working with the Coalition for the Homeless, the group collected \$300 and some much needed items for Waypoint House residents. Waypoint House is our program for young people aged 18–24 who are currently experiencing homelessness. Thank you to everyone for giving so generously. You made a difference in someone's life.

## Easter Appeal Update

Happy Easter season to all of you!

We hope that you are enjoying the budding trees and warmer temperatures as much as we are. This time of year brings along the renewal of nature, and with it, a renewal in spirit.

For our clients, the renewal in spirit often comes in the form of move-up housing vouchers, a meaningful conversation and counseling with our Clinical Services team, educational programming and tutoring at the Family Success Center, a comfortable night's rest at Ozanam Inn, and a warm, cooked meal at our Open Hand Kitchen. Your support of these programs brings so many people hope and stability, making their renewal in spirit and of self a reality.

So far this year, 235 donations were made for our Easter Appeal, totaling \$13,124.25! Your generosity is felt throughout all of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, and we are so grateful for you and your support.

## Memorials

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the responsibility of transforming gifts into hope for our many clients. Thank you, donors, for supporting us in loving memory of those listed here.

Your donation represents a lasting legacy that will shine through the successes SVDLP has in fulfilling its mission.

*Gifts received January 1, 2021–April 15, 2021*

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## Practicum Student Project

In April, Amber Swick, senior at the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work, completed her capstone project at Tranquil House. Amber organized a clean-up and beautification of Tranquil's courtyard. The clients were given the opportunity to help clean up the space and plant annual tulips.

Amber chose to get her masters in social work to advocate for people with special needs and mental health problems. She chose St. Vincent de Paul Louisville for her practicum semester because of Tranquil House and to gain more experience working with those with mental health illnesses.

Tranquil House provides permanent housing for clients with a diagnosis of a severe mental illness or be over age 62. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville offers case management to tenants, and tenants are able to use the resources and assistance available on our campus.

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

### Support for the Family Success Center

Frontstream | \$1,652.43  
LG&E and KU Energy | \$1,000.00  
Metro United Way | \$641.67

### Support for the Food Pantry

St. Stephen Martyr Church | \$100.00

### Support for the Open Hand Kitchen

First Lutheran Church | \$100.00  
Haragan Family Trust | \$4,000  
St. Albert the Great Parish | \$2,492.25  
United Healthcare | \$500.00

### Support for Clubs & Cocktails

Schardein Mechanical | \$2,500.00  
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### Support for Santa Shop

United Healthcare | \$500

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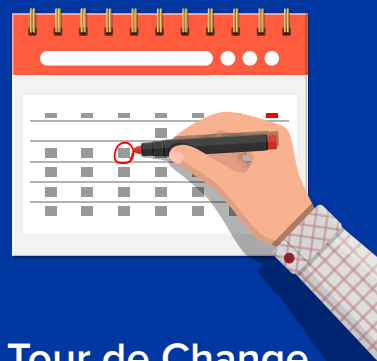
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Joseph L. Lenihan Memorial Fund | \$126,222.51  
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St. Albert the Great Parish | \$992.25  
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AmazonSmile Foundation | \$172.68  
Combined Federal Campaign | \$163.38  
New Age Pulmonary  
Services, LLC | \$150.00  
Brightside Foundation | \$100.00  
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St. Bernadette Church | \$50.00  
Network for Good | \$42.00  
St. Brigid Church | \$25.00

*Gifts received January 2021-March 2021*

## Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
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### Tour de Change

Tuesday, August 10th

### Give for Good

Friday, September 17th

### Clubs & Cocktails

Monday, September 20th

### Tour de Change

Tuesday, November 9th

### Home Begins Here

Thursday, November 11th