

The Good Samaritan

Dining Room Reopens at the Open Hand Kitchen

After a year and a half of handing out takeaway meals, the Open Hand Kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville reopened the dining hall on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

In March 2020, the pandemic forced the shutdown of any place where people could gather in large groups. That meant that the Open Hand Kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville needed to shift how it provided two meals a day to the most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to partners like Brown-Forman, Dare to Care, Lift a Life Novak Family Foundation, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. Albert the Great Church, Fazoli's, Little Caesars, Blaze Pizza, and many others, we were able to safely provide meals each day during the shutdown.

Just before lunch service started at noon, we took a few moments to thank those that worked so hard to ensure that St. Vincent de Paul Louisville could continue to serve two meals a day during the shutdown to those in need. Deacon Jack Koenig gave the blessing and board members served the first meals to diners eager to get out of the rain and enjoy a seated meal in the Open Hand Kitchen.

Reopening the dining hall also means we can welcome back our serving teams. Volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul Conferences, parishes, businesses, and schools serve meals twice a day in the Open Hand Kitchen. We have missed seeing our dedicated volunteers and we know they have missed the opportunity to serve.

Thanks to everyone for their support.



Board members serve the first meals in the Open Hand Kitchen since the pandemic caused a shutdown of the dining hall in March 2020.



From left, Donna Young, Director of Volunteer Services and Conference Affairs, and Deacon Jack Koenig.



The tables are open again in the dining hall at the Open Hand Kitchen.



From left, Beverly Carter and Angela Leavell, Program Manager.



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Volunteer Serving Teams Needed for the Open Hand Kitchen as it Reopens on July 1



Volunteers from AgriFinancial prepping to serve lunch in the Open Hand Kitchen in 2019. During the shutdown, volunteer opportunities disappeared but we are beginning to see a return to normalcy.

The Open Hand Kitchen of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville reopened on Thursday July 1st. The kitchen serves 2 meals per day – lunch at noon and dinner at 5:00pm.

The Open Hand Kitchen has several openings for teams of 4 persons to serve meals. Teams would need to arrive 15 minutes prior to serving times. Teams would serve approximately 45 minutes. The teams would serve once a month on their assigned day. Individuals are welcome to volunteer as well.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Donna Young (502) 301-8688 or email your questions to dyoung@svdplou.org.



Join Us for
an In-person
Tour of Campus
Aug. 10 at 8 am



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As restrictions have lifted, we are returning to hosting tours on campus so we can share with you in person the work we do here at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

Our Tour de Change is scheduled for August 10th at 8 am. We will meet in our Family Success Center and you'll hear from our staff about the impact of our work, as well as take a walking tour of our campus.

To learn more about the Tour de Change, please contact Jon Wysong at jwysong@svdplou.org or call (502) 301-8695. You can also register on our website at svdplou.org.

JCPS Summer Camp Wraps Up at the Family Success Center



On June 24th, JCPS finished up another successful summer camp at the Family Success Center. Staff and parents were on hand to see the closing presentations given by the students and teachers.

Since the FSC opened, it has been host to summer programs provided by JCPS. We were excited to see the kids again this summer and even more excited that our own summer program starts in July. Watch for an update soon. Programs like this are more important than ever as kids catch up from the disruptions brought on by the pandemic.



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 SVDP has in fulfilling its mission.

Gifts received April 16, 2021-June 15, 2021

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Bill Spath, 1934–2021

Former St. Vincent de Paul Louisville board member William Joseph "Bill" Spath passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021. He was one day shy of his 87th birthday.

Bill served on our board of directors from 2003–2014. His experience as a successful business owner was invaluable to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and the numerous other organizations he served.

According to the obituary published in *The Courier-Journal*, Bill and Sharon Potter were married in 1957, had four children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Gifts in Bill's memory may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, P.O. Box 17126, Louisville, KY 40217-0126 or svdplou.org/donate-now/.



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