

# The Good Samaritan

## After-School Program in Full Swing at SVDP

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's after-school program is available for the families we serve. Currently the program has 25 children regularly in the program. The program runs from 3:30 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The program offers time for the kids to wind down after classes, a meal, and a homework hour supported by certified educators who work through JCPS's Diversity, Equity, and Poverty Program. On some days, the hour between 6 and 7 p.m. provides demonstrations and training in STEM-based projects, life skills like basic finance or cooking, and arts and crafts.

"We want to give children educational opportunities they may not otherwise have a chance to experience," explains Julio Anthony, program manager for the Family Success Center.

The staff provides time, education, and understanding to the children who spend time in after-school care. In addition, the children learn social skills and have an opportunity to strengthen their academic understanding.

Our thanks to those who created the opportunity for SVDP to work with these children. Your support means so much to the staff, children, and families touched by this program.



Young people have an opportunity to learn and play at the SVDP after-school program.



There is time for study with tutors and support from the staff.



They have access to electronic games.



Children of all school ages have the chance to learn, grow, and play.



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## Our Mission

We house, feed, and support  
those in need with  
compassion and dignity.

## Support SVDP

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## Help Us Save Our Buildings!

We are asking you to support the Rainy Day Aging Buildings Fund. We have received generous donations from multiple donors, all of whom have created a solution to this issue by giving a matching pool of funds in excess of \$100,000 which will be used to match all donations, dollar-for-dollar that are given to the Rainy Day Fund. *This means that your donation to the fund will have double the impact – allowing us to create a repair and replacement account for each building that so desperately needs it.*

In this month's newsletter, you will find two remittance envelopes; the standard white Good Samaritan envelope and a lilac Rainy Day Aging Building Fund envelope. We hope you will continue to support our programs with your standard donation to the Good Samaritan, while also giving a second gift to the Rainy Day Fund.

Thank you for supporting this effort to ensure the buildings will stay as strong as the programs housed within them. With your generosity and continued support, you can help make that happen.

## Gifts from the Heart

Each year our "Gifts from the Heart" program asks for donations of new gifts that will be organized into a mini-mall in the Family Success Center. Last year Covid changed the way we did things, but parents still expressed joy and gratitude as they received their donated gifts. This year's plans are still under discussion as we consider the best way to provide the Santa experience to our families. We'll share final plans with you in the November issue of The Good Samaritan.



In 2020, volunteers shopped for children of different ages to prepare gift bags for our families.

## Calling All Turkeys and Hams: You're Needed for Holiday Dinner!

We're planning holiday meals and asking for donations of turkeys and hams from our generous supporters.

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 plan to prepare delicious meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but sadly, as in 2020, our guests are not likely to be able to enjoy them in the Open Hand Kitchen. As of now, 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 need your help to ensure everyone receives a holiday meal.

Turkeys and Hams 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](mailto:aleavell@svdplou.org) for more information. Thank you! With your help, we will make these the best holidays possible.



Last year, food was prepackaged to ensure client and staff safety.



## Rain Didn't Dampen the Spirits of Our Clubs & Cocktails Attendees

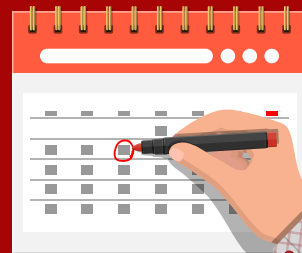
The rain may have interfered with golf, but nothing interfered with fun as our Clubs & Cocktails Golf Scramble attendees joined together for camaraderie and friendly competition during a long lunch. The lunch included a number of raffles and a spirited silent auction. All proceeds go to support the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, and we recognize and appreciate the generous individuals who participated in the event.

We'd like to take a moment to recognize our presenting sponsor, The Underwriters Group, Brandeis Machinery, our corporate sponsor, and our many signature sponsors, Abel Construction Company, Inc., Advance Ready Mix, Cement Board Fabricators, Inc., Dean Dorton, Allen Ford, Intex Systems, inc., Kosair Charities, Lichtenfeld Incorporated, Schardein Mechanical, Siemens, Stock Yards Bank, Todd Asset Management, LLC, Vanaire, and Ward Engineering Co., Inc.

We would also like to thank Green and Halliburton for sponsoring the lunch and Karem's Bar & Grill Catering for the fantastic lunch and for donating the meal in support of our mission. Thank you to our many hole sponsors and volunteers.

## Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



## Tour de Change

Tuesday, November 9th



Our attending golfers enjoyed a delicious lunch, received a thank you gift, and took chances on raffle items including a Bourbon raffle, a chance at a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve (20 years old), and a Danson Pitboss Grill with a Bloemer's Food Gift Basket. Drawing will be held October 10.



# Home Begins Here

AT  
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Our new Mission Luncheon, Home Begins Here, has found its home in February. Watch the November newsletter for more specifics and we hope you will be able to attend.



Teams sat together during lunch, appreciating the grounds of the Hurstbourne Country Club from the comfort of the clubhouse.



Friends enjoyed some light competition as they bid for silent auction items like Keeneland Grandstand Reserved Tickets and a stay a French Lick with Golf at the Donald Ross Course.

## A Night at the Ballpark with the Bats and Dean's Dips

The Louisville Bats and Dean's Dips hosted St. Vincent de Paul Louisville for games on September 3 and 24. The game on the 24th provided an opportunity for our families and staff to enjoy a baseball game and relax at the close of the summer.

We want to thank the Louisville Bats and Dean's Dips for making these evenings possible. Also thank you to the attendees at the Bats game who donated close to \$1,000 to support the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville mission.



Volunteer JR throws the opening pitch at the Sept. 3 Bats game.



One of our clients, Shantaz, threw out the first pitch on September 24.

### Success Story

Tom has been a resident for several years. He has been seeing Matt and Pam to work on his mental health and substance use for the last year.

Tom is a chronic alcoholic with a mental health diagnosis. He has formed friendships with his neighbors who would worry about his alcohol use. Tom would often hurt himself or end up in dangerous situations due to his drinking.

Matt, Pam and his case manager all worked tirelessly to connect Tim with his family support and resources for his substance use. Often, Tom would end up in the hospital but would be released back to his apartment after a few days. The last time Tom had a bad drinking binge, he broke his leg. When he went back to his apartment, he started drinking again and re-injured his leg. He went back to the hospital.

After many weeks of engagement, Matt and his case manager got him admitted to inpatient treatment for his alcohol use. Tom is taking steps to gain sobriety and this will be a huge step for his housing and his long term health.



### Thank you for Giving for Good!

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 is an opportunity for 500+ nonprofit organizations to gain visibility for the good work we do in the community. We are so grateful to each and every person that donated, shared, and advocated for SVDP on September 17th this year. Thanks to donors and supporters like you, we were able to raise \$36,809 to help fund our comprehensive family support services here on campus! We had great success this year, and could not have done it without your help. You helped to offer vital programs to our clients so that they can lead healthy, stable lives. We are thankful to have your support in our mission. We're already looking forward to next year's Give for Good Day!

### Our New Communications Coordinator

We'd like to introduce you to our new communications coordinator, Beth Haendiges. Beth has nearly 20 years of experience in nonprofit communications and is excited to use her skills at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, "I respect SVDP's mission and have felt drawn to do more to support the homeless community for years. It is an honor to work for SVDP."

Beth spent 6 years with the Kentucky Humane Society. Prior to that, she worked in communications for UofL's law school.

Beth has three sisters and a husband with whom she spends much of her time.

She loves quilting and other fiber crafts. She is an avid reader and enjoys a cup of tea and a good book on a fall day. She looks forward to dedicating time to SVDP and sharing with our supporters and community the story of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.



### Your Recurring Donation Provides Support in Every Season

Whether it's White Flag in the extreme heat and bitter cold or Back to School in the fall, a recurring donation to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville provides support for our programs all year long.

When you make a donation online, be sure to check "Make this a monthly gift."