

The Good Samaritan

A Veteran Finds His Home at Tranquil House

Every night, there are veterans in the Louisville area who do not have a place to call home. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville (SVDP) works in partnership with the Veterans Administration to offer transitional housing to such veterans. The veterans who come to SVDP range in age from 30 to 67, and they typically stay in our program for 8 months.

During that time, our case manager, Olivia Raley, helps them navigate the veteran system, which can become overwhelming if you are not familiar with it.

Many of the veterans who stay at Ozanam Inn have underlying issues that make finding housing difficult. Tracy Courtney is one such veteran. Mr. Courtney suffers from a severe mental illness that has made some housing options hard to navigate.

While Mr. Courtney has been at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, he has developed a very good relationship with his case manager, Olivia, and peer support specialist, Tara. Mr. Courtney was very shy and soft spoken when he first arrived at SVDP in March of 2021; however, with the support of his dedicated case worker, he has now allowed his true personality to shine through. He enjoys going on Kroger shopping trips and attends Pam Scott's Community Conversations group.

Trust in his case workers and patience with the process have always been challenging for Mr. Courtney, but as Olivia worked through the veterans program with him, Mr. Courtney learned to trust the folks at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

Mr. Courtney did not trust former VA representatives, and at first that distrust bled into his relationship with Olivia. However, as he began to feel safer with everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, he learned of new housing opportunities that could work for him.

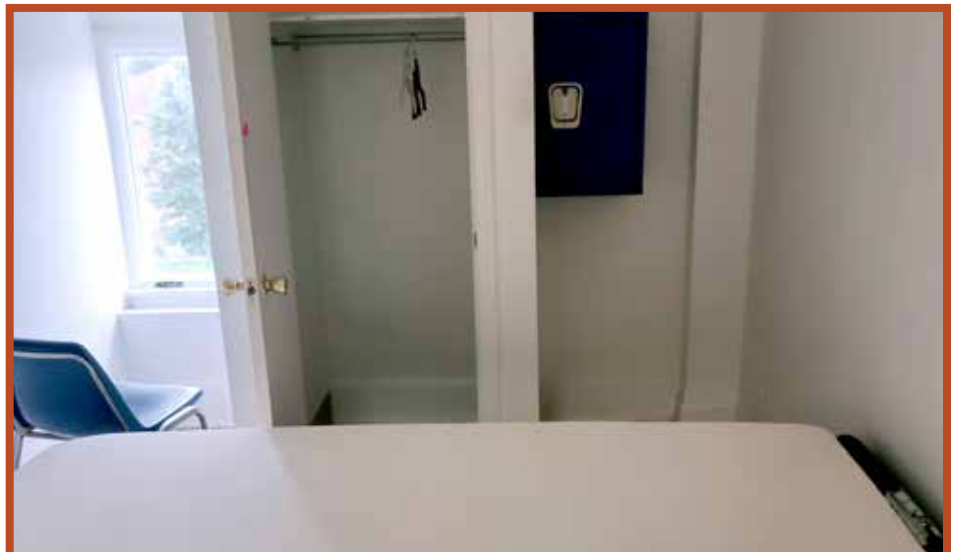
Mr. Courtney wanted to stay in the GDP (grant per diem) program because he felt safe and that he was helped in that facility. When his case manager, Olivia, suggested Tranquil apartments, Mr. Courtney was very excited to stay on the SVDP campus. While working with Jessie Arnold and Matt Weaver, Mr. Courtney successfully moved into Tranquil apartments.

Olivia was also able to provide furniture for Mr. Courtney's apartment with the assistance of the Home Serve Grant, which provides veterans with bedding and a queen bed and mattress set. Thanks to donations for the move out baskets, Mr. Courtney was also able

as cookware, toiletries, and other home goods. Mr. Courtney still comes by to visit Tara and Olivia at Ozanam Inn and is settling in comfortably at Tranquil apartments with Jessie Arnold.



Olivia Raley works on the paperwork needed to help veterans navigate the system and find housing.



The standard veteran's room at Ozanam Inn includes a closet and a bed and the privacy of a door.

HONOR AND REMEMBER ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Day, November 11



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Halloween Party

Children in our programs enjoyed a Halloween party on October 27. Over the course of the evening pumpkins were painted, games were played, and snacks were enjoyed. The evening began with pumpkin painting. Then it was time to go upstairs to play games to win candy prizes. And, of course, there was time for thrills and chills as costumed figures made an appearance.

Some children dressed in Halloween costumes. Some enjoyed the evening in their regular clothes, but all the children found time for fun at the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville Children's Halloween party.



The festivities began with pumpkin painting.



The pumpkins dried while the children played games.



Parents joined in the fun as everyone learned the rules of each game.



Friends make a party fun.

Gifts from the Heart

by Donna Young, Director of Volunteer Services and Conference Affairs

This year, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville will continue to provide Christmas to families who cannot afford to do so through the “Gifts from the Heart” Christmas program. Christmas trees with hearts denoting a child and their sizes will be distributed the first week of November to businesses and schools and other organizations. Individuals and groups are invited to select a heart and purchase items that a child of that age and size could use.

All the new gifts donated between now and December 6 will be displayed in the gym of the Family Success Center, turning the gym into a mini mall where parents are invited to “shop” at no cost for their children. This way parents are

actively involved in selecting the specific gifts their child will receive.

The “Santa Shop” will be held on December 11 and 12 in the Family Success Center.

This program is in its 22nd year. While last year, it was adapted to meet the challenges caused by Covid-19 and parents were unable to make specific decisions regarding style and type of gifts received, we are confident that this year we can return to a more regular shopping experience.

If you would like to donate to the Santa Shop or volunteer to work in it, please contact Donna Young at 502-301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.



In 2020, gifts were prepackaged for parents.



This year, we hope to return to a more satisfying shopping experience.

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Tour de Change

Tuesday, November 9th

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11th

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25th

Santa Shop Gifts Due

Monday, December 6th

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

Home Begins Here

February 17

Ways to Give This Holiday Season

This year, we have much to be thankful for. In particular, we are thankful to you, our supporters, who have helped with so many programs and projects. It is because of your generosity that we can provide the compassionate support we do to those in need.

There are many ways to help during the holiday season. If you enjoy giving to others, Giving Tuesday, November 30, is a day to share your love with those less fortunate.

On other shopping days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, use Amazon-Smile to support SVDP. You can select Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Louisville, Inc., as your charity of choice, and a portion of your purchases will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

So as you look at your giving list this year, please remember those in need and help them as you give to all those you love.



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Thanks to Louisville Metro Government

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville is grateful to Louisville Metro Government's Office of Resilience and Community Services for providing substantial funding for programs at Ozanam Inn and Open Hand Kitchen. 2021-2022 awarded grants include:



- External Agency Fund (EAF) grant in the amount of \$11,900 for Open Hand Kitchen
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant in the amount of \$124,000 for Ozanam Inn Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Initiative low-barrier grant in the amount of \$30,000 for Ozanam Inn Emergency Shelter



It's Time for a Turkey (and Ham!) Drive

We are committed to providing holiday meals this season. We are still working to determine how we will coordinate the meals. We may be serving the meals to go as we did last year.

Angela and the kitchen staff still intend to prepare delicious meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it is likely our guests will not be able to enjoy them in the Open Hand Kitchen. 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're planning the meals and asking for donations of turkeys and hams. Items 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 for more information. Thank you! With your help, we will make these the best holidays possible.

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

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 or in honor of those listed here.

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

Gifts received June 16, 2021 - October 15, 2021

In memory of

Pastor Howard Bagley
Mrs. Bernice H. Bowlds
Mr. Gentry "Jeff" Buckler
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