

The Good Samaritan

Welcome Our New CEO: Dave Calzi

Dave Calzi has been appointed new CEO of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville. An experienced business and civic leader, Dave will succeed Ed Wnorowski and assume responsibilities on January 10, 2022. Ed, who is retiring to spend more time with family, will help during the transition.

Dave has spent nearly four decades at two of the world's largest accounting and consulting firms and has most recently served as Director of Industry Partnerships for the University of Louisville.

"Ed's dedication, passion for and leadership of SVDP during his tenure have been invaluable," said Carleen Herde, Chair of the SVDP Board of Directors and a member of the Board's search committee. "We were looking for someone who would bring that to SVDP. We have found that in Dave. His engagement and leadership in the community and the Archdiocese of Louisville have been significant. His passion and dedication to serving others made him a perfect fit."

While at UofL, Dave worked to connect industry with the university,

helping them find talent, solve problems, and grow through research and innovation. Dave said he's proud of the work accomplished while at UofL and looks forward to making connections in his new role, all in service of the community he calls home.

"UofL is an amazing institution, and I've loved working to build those relationships. It has been an honor to be of service at UofL," Dave said. "I'm looking forward to doing the same at SVDP. This new role and the work SVDP does are a 'calling' for me, and I can't wait to build even stronger relationships between our organization, our partners, and the community we serve."

Dave received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and became a CPA, working in accounting and consulting for nearly four decades, including at both EY and Andersen. He was managing partner at the EY Louisville office serving organizations across the Commonwealth, the US, and globally.

Dave is very involved in the community, currently serving or having served on



Dave Calzi

numerous boards, including the Catholic Education Foundation, Community Foundation of Louisville, Endeavor Louisville, Evolve 502, Greater Louisville Inc., Leadership Louisville, the Muhammad Ali Center and others.

We at SVDP welcome Dave Calzi and look forward to the leadership he will bring.

Home Begins Here

February 17, 2022

11:30 a.m.

The Omni Hotel

Join us February 17 at 11:30 for St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's mission luncheon, Home Begins Here. Tickets are \$50 and include a delicious lunch at the Omni Hotel Louisville and a time to celebrate all the work our staff, clients, volunteers, and donors do to achieve our



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

Join us to celebrate our achievements and hear our plans for the future.

Tickets are on sale online at svdplou.org/home/hbh-2022 or use the QR code at right. You may also call Development

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At St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

Coordinator Makenzie Smith at 502-272-2134 to order your tickets today.





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Saving for a Rainy Day

Back in September, we featured an article about the history of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and the buildings that make up our downtown campus. We also announced the start of our Rainy Day Aging Building Fund campaign. We wanted to give everyone an update on our progress.

As a reminder, most of the buildings highlighted in the article do not have a replacement budget for major maintenance issues that arise. These buildings are aging and just like our personal homes, the infrastructure of the buildings age, too. When an air conditioning unit fails, the repair or replacement costs come out of our general operating funds, which can put a strain on our organizational budget. The goal of the Rainy Day Aging Buildings Fund campaign is to create an account for each building to cover these larger expenditures when they arise. We had five generous donors who together donated \$175,000 to establish a matching pool of money that allows your donation to the Rainy Day

Aging Building Fund to have double the impact. Fully exhausting the match fund will secure each building for at least five years. At the writing of this newsletter, we have received 102 donations for a total of \$62,750. We are 36% of the way to our goal. For those who have already supported the Fund, thank you!!!

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. We hope that with your generous and continued support, we can meet the goal by the end of March and go into the Easter season knowing that the buildings are secure. Thank you for your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville mission of housing, feeding and supporting those in need with compassion and dignity.



Santa Shop Goes to Mayfield

Development Director Rich Flaherty (right) and board member Dick Scherrer (left) brought clothing and toys not distributed during Santa Shop to those in need following the tornadoes in Western Kentucky.

Success Story

Anita came to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's Tranquil House in 2017. This year, Anita made the adorable mask shown at the right for staff to wear at our client Christmas parties. The mask, made with polyester fiber fill, took hours to complete. We are grateful to Anita for her kindness and generosity.

"I like to keep my hands busy," Anita says, modestly.

We want to thank Anita for her generous spirit, and we hope that at Tranquil House she will have many more years of making art to come.



Santa's Workshop Success

Our thanks to all our volunteers who worked at Santa Shop December 11 and 12. We were able to help 180 families find perfect Christmas gifts for their children during this two-day event. We are so grateful to all who volunteered and to those who donated the hundreds of new clothing items for the children. Finally, a big thanks to Toys for Tots for providing toys for the children. All of you helped make families in need have a brighter Christmas.



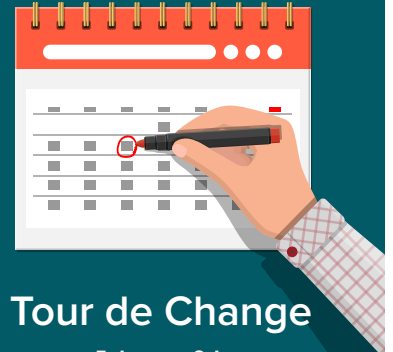
Mayor Greg Fischer, pictured with our former CEO, Ed Wnorowski, stopped by Santa Shop to lend his support.



We are so grateful to the many volunteers who came each day of the event.

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Tour de Change

February 8th

Home Begins Here

February 17th

Roses & Rose'

April 30th

Clubs & Cocktails

September 19th

Thanks Algood!

Our thanks to Algood Foods, who will begin donating peanut butter for our Food Pantry every month. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Cram the Van

We want to thank ESPN-Louisville for allowing SVDP to be a part of *Cram the Van*. Listeners donated money that was then given to three charitable organizations, SVDP, Wayside Christian Mission, and the Salvation Army. The money was used to buy clothing and other needed items for Christmas for homeless and low-income families. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville received the four carts full of clothing shown above, to the right.



Thank you to Falls City Brewing Co. for taking donations in support of SVDP in November! Above, Development Coordinator Makenzie Smith, participates in a chili cook-off tasting for the fundraiser.



We have a new Facebook Page! @svdplouky

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New page. Great content.

Look for in-kind donation and volunteer opportunities, check out events, share our success, and keep up with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

Check out our new page on Facebook!
Visit us by clicking on the QR code.



Saying Goodbye: Staff Wish Ed the Best

On December 16, the staff was treated to a holiday brunch at the Crowne Plaza. It was a pleasure to relax and spend time together. It was also an opportunity for the staff to say farewell to our departing CEO, Ed Wnorowski, and meet our incoming CEO, Dave Calzi.

The staff is grateful to Ed for all he has done during his tenure at SVDP.

“Ed has left his mark at SVDP, literally and figuratively. The tax credit properties that were built under his leadership provide quality, affordable housing for hundreds of people every year.

This has been so important to the community as Louisville continues to struggle with an affordable housing crisis,” shares Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Clark. “He has been a mentor, and I’m grateful for the many opportunities I’ve enjoyed under his leadership.”

Staff are also excited to learn more about our incoming CEO.

“We are very excited about Dave joining us,” Development Director Rich Flaherty says. “He is going to bring great experience and relationships that will benefit the organization and our clients.”



The staff celebrate this year’s accomplishments, welcome our new CEO, and wish Ed a fond farewell.



Ed Wnorowski (left), Dave Calzi (right)



At Thanksgiving, we fed nearly 130 men, women, and children a delicious meal, and we had a donation of blankets we gave to our guests.

Thank you to our many volunteers who made both the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the homeless all the better. We are so grateful to all of you!

Donor Survey

In 2020, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville conducted our first comprehensive survey of you, our donors. We received great response, with over 500 donors responding. The purpose of surveying our donors is to make sure your experience with SVDP is the most positive it can be and the programs we are delivering to our clients align with your interests.

One of the key results that came from the last survey was identifying which population we serve each of you would most like to end hardship for. 57% of you want to end hardship for families, followed by individuals fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence (17%) and then veterans (13%) and 18-24 year old youth (10%). We are thrilled how aligned you are with our programs. We will be conducting the 2022 survey beginning in February, and it will be distributed with the Good Sam Newsletter. Please help us to continue to ensure your experience is strong with SVDP by returning your donor survey. Thank you.

Donor Survey

