

# The Good Samaritan

## Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter *Providing Clients with Support and Dignity*

Ozanam Inn is a men's homeless shelter with 68 emergency, overnight bunk beds for men who would otherwise be on the streets. Staffed 24 hours a day, the shelter offers professional case management to homeless men. In partnership with the Veterans Administration, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville also offers case management and private rooms to 20 homeless veterans and provides a limited number of sanctuary beds for those at high risk in the shelter. During COVID-19, Ozanam Inn has limited itself to 50 instead of 68 clients. This has not impacted veteran and sanctuary clients.

During white flag periods, an additional 20 or more guests are given air mattresses in the Open Hand Kitchen for a safe, climate-controlled space to sleep.

"COVID has limited the number of clients we can accommodate safely," explains Lead Program Aide Brian Scully. "We have had to be one step ahead of the pandemic to keep our staff and clients safe."

While COVID has required many changes, shelter work always requires staff to be prepared for anything.

"Working in the shelter, you have to almost have a sixth sense to make sure you are prepared as situations change," says Program Manager Auther Calhoun. "We have to be able to turn on a dime to meet the changing needs of our clients and our staff."

COVID testing is currently provided to staff and clients on a weekly basis to help avoid a spread of the infection. Auther is working to also find a way to provide vaccines and boosters on site.

At Ozanam, guests are provided with showers, access to barbering supplies and toiletries, clean restrooms, beds with clean linen, and a breakfast in the morning. In addition, clients are invited to work with a case manager and a benefits navigator to ensure they receive the benefits and support they need to break the cycle of homelessness. The shelter has an excellent reputation in the homeless community for its ability to help clients with serious health limitations like wheelchair use and mental health issues.

One of the less tangible things the shelter provides is compassion and respect.

"It helps our clients to know that the staff care about each other and about our clients," stresses Auther. "When clients know we believe they matter, it opens up opportunities for them to empower themselves, to work toward stable housing."

Brian Scully explains, "I want them to know that I care. I want to see them again, but I don't want to see them here. I want them to succeed and to find stable homes."

While clients do not stay at Ozanam during the day, they can sign up for a bed the next night before they leave in the morning. This offers clients more

stability, in turn, opening the door for more consistent case management and client support.

"We have case managers, but we also have benefits navigators and program aides who actively support our clients in their efforts to become self-sufficient," Auther explains. "I am so incredibly proud of my team. Their compassion and efficiency have let us adapt to the many changes these past two years have presented."

### How you can help

In addition to financial donations to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, the men at Ozanam Inn can use toiletries for day-to-day use, and air mattresses for White Flag nights. Your help and compassion mean so much to our staff and our clients at Ozanam Inn. We thank you for your continued support of our mission.



We are grateful to the Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness Department for holding COVID testing at the Open Hand Kitchen.

## Black History Month

During Black History Month, I learned about Harriet Tubman, who was a slave but escaped.

And then she spent her life rescuing other slaves by leading them through the Underground Railroad.

~ Sharissa





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# The Work of the Conferences: Washington Co.

Our Washington County Conference consists of St. Dominic, St. Rose and Holy Rosary, and Holy Trinity and Holy Rosary Manton, all in Washington County, KY. All five parishes are represented by the 33 Vincentians who care for the sick, elderly, and poor in the community. They are led by Vincentian Mary Ann Hale.

In addition to providing help with rent, utilities, gas cards, and more, the conference runs a weekly food pantry that provides food to those in need, delivering food to the home bound in the community. These Vincentians also provide monthly volunteers to Feed America.

Members of the conference, many of whom are part of the Eucharist ministry, visit the sick and the elderly and provide comfort and the sacrament to those in need. Other Vincentians of the conference sew prayer shawls, blankets, and more for those in need of comfort.

When asked why people join the Vincentian community, Mary Ann explains that, "Most of our Vincentians give out of their love for Christ and a desire to give back the blessing they, themselves, have received."

But while doing good works is an integral part of the role of a conference, there is more to the society than that. "People may not realize the degree of personal and spiritual growth we receive from being Vincentians,"

says Mary Ann. "The Vincentians join in fellowship at meetings that rotate between the five parishes. They share together food, meditation, and prayer."

We thank the conference for all their good works, and we are grateful that they find spiritual fulfillment through these selfless acts.



The Washington County Vincentians include members from five different parishes. Here they are with their Blessing Box.

## Roses & Rose'

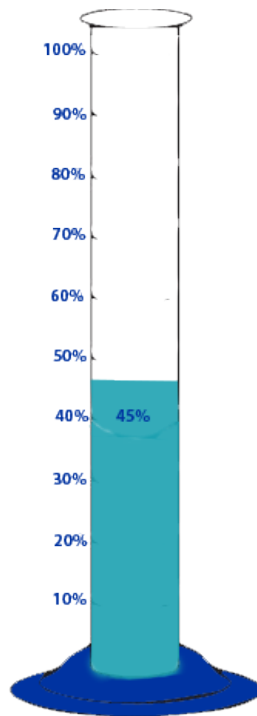
We are so excited to begin planning our Third Annual Roses & Rose' Mother's Day event! Scheduled for Saturday, April 30th, 2022, at Audubon Country Club, this upscale-casual brunch affair will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the women and mothers in our lives. The brunch will begin at 11am and last until 1pm. If you're interested in purchasing a table, becoming a sponsor, or would like to purchase an individual ticket, head over to <https://www.svdplou.org/home/roses-rose-april-30-2022/>. For any questions on the event, contact Makenzie Smith at 502-272-2134 or [msmith@svdplou.org](mailto:msmith@svdplou.org). We hope to see you soon!



# Rainy Day Fund: Almost to the Halfway Mark!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Rainy Day Aging Building Fund. As a reminder, the purpose of building this fund is to create building maintenance fund for most of our older buildings. This fund will allow SVdP to manage financially through those unexpected and unbudgeted expensive maintenance or replacement issues such as replacement of an air conditioner or heater or a leaky roof. These higher priced items put a strain on the organizations operating budget when they occur.

Generous donors had helped create a \$175,000 matching fund and to date, we have had \$78,000 in donations matched. We are 45% to our goal. We had set a goal of Derby day, May 7th, to reach our goal and we need your help. Please consider including a donation to support the Rainy Day Fund along with your Good Samaritan donation this month. Together, we can thank those donors who set up the matching funds by reaching our goal. To donate, please send in your check using the Good Samaritan remittance envelope included with the newsletter. Please add a note on the check that the donation is for Rainy Day Fund.



## Save the Date

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Roses & Rose'

April 30th

Tour de Change

May 10th

Clubs & Cocktails

September 19th

## Success Story

Rob became homeless in 2017 and bounced around from shelter to shelter for years. In April of 2021, he entered the Sanctuary Bed program and began seeing our LCSW, Matt. Matt and LaToya (his Case Manager) made sure that he had his Common Assessment completed and updated.

They advocated for him to get a voucher. In August, he was referred to the Wellspring ACT PSH project. LaToya supported him in his housing search, and Matt continued working with Rob to maintain his mental health.

Rob says about LaToya and his experience at SVDP:

*I was at Ozanam 13 or 14 months. I'm not going to say it's been easy because it hasn't, especially during a pandemic. But LaToya has made things a lot easier for me. She is the best Case Manager I've had. She helped me in any way that she could. She took her job seriously and really wanted to help us.*

*LaToya doesn't treat us any different because we are all human. As she always says, "I'm no different from y'all." That's what I really liked about her.*

*LaToya was always willing to help me, whether it was apartment hunting or taking me to doctors' appointments. I liked that she also stayed in contact with my case manager Danielle at Wellspring, so we would all be on the same page. That helped a lot.*

*I just want to thank LaToya and St. Vincent de Paul Louisville for giving me the opportunity to get back on my feet again and helping me get my own apartment so that I no longer have to be homeless and can become a productive member of society.*

*I would recommend this place to anyone wanting to get back on their feet. They offer a lot of resources. While it's not your home, the staff definitely make you feel at home. I appreciate everything that you all have done for me and I can't thank you enough. Continue doing what you're doing because you have a gift for this.*

## Home Begins Here: Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors

Although we had to make the difficult decision to cancel our Home Begins Here event due to COVID concerns, we wanted to take a moment and recognize those who committed as a sponsor. We thank you for your support to allow us to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity. We look forward to celebrating with you soon!

- MCM CPA's and Advisors
- Green and Halliburton
- The Haendiges Family
- The Calzi Family
- David Neill
- St. Patrick Catholic Church
- St. Stephen Martyr

## Donor Survey



St. Vincent de Paul Louisville wants to thank you for your generosity and trust in us to serve so many vulnerable people in our community. We want your experience, as a donor, volunteer, advocate, etc., to be the best it can be.

Last month, you received a survey to complete and send back to SVDP. If you have returned it, thank you! Your responses will help us better serve you and our clients.

If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, we ask you to please do so and return it. You can also visit [svdprou.org/donor-survey](http://svdprou.org/donor-survey) and complete the survey online. Thank you in advance for participating!

## Foundations/Corporations/Other Support

During the months of July 2021 - January 2022, we received funding from those entities listed below. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for them for making it easier to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity

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