

The Good Samaritan



Home Begins Here

At St. Vincent de Paul Louisville

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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 below. You may also call Development Coordinator Makenzie Smith at 502-272-2134 to order your tickets today.



Thrift Stores Support Our Mission



In addition to clothing and housewares, our thrift stores have a variety of furnishings that will fit your style and your budget.

Your donations to our thrift stores help support St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's mission to feed, house, and support those in need with compassion and dignity. The gently used items you provide are sold to raise money for our programs, making it possible for us to provide even more support to the community we serve.

We have three St. Vincent de Paul Louisville Thrift Stores. Our downtown location is on Market Street. Our east end location is found at Dorsey Plaza, and our Hikes Point store serves the Beuchel area.

Currently, our thrift stores accept donations Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Because our stores are closed Sunday and Monday, we cannot accept donations on those days. If you have a large donation or furniture to donate please contact our donation pick-up service at (502) 468-8953. We'll work with you to schedule a convenient time to pick-up your donated items.

To learn more about donating to one of our thrift stores, please visit our website's donation guidelines page: www.svdplou.org/donation-guide-for-thrift-stores/.

We are so grateful to those who donate to and those who purchase from our thrift stores. Your donations and purchases help to support St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.



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Our Mission

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

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By the Numbers 2021

Permanent Housing Programs (All scattered site, all on-campus apartments, except Tranquil House)

- 452 people were served in 2021, 86 families and 143 individuals.
- 192 of these people were children.
- 71% of the exits were positive.

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 454 men served in 2021*.
 - 62 men exited to stable housing.
- *Numbers served continued to be impacted by COVID-19.

VA Program

- 61 men have been served since January 1, 2021.
- Since January, 83% of men served have exited to permanent housing.

Tranquil House

- 15 people served in 2021.
- 70% increased or maintained mental health services.
- 70% increased their participation in the community, attending events, group counseling, or other social/emotional support activities.

Family Success Center

- 30 Students registered for the after school program in 2021. The average attendance was 17.
- 81% of students have improved their site word skills in reading.
- 87.5% of students are now reading at grade level. (Our goal is to be at 90% by the end of the 2021-22 school year.)
- 100% of students have demonstrated increased STEM skills and knowledge.

Mental Health and Substance Use Program

 (Clinical Services)

- 455 households have been served in 2021.
- 233 crises have been resolved, with a 98% success rate.
- 96% of participants in individual counseling report making progress on a therapeutic goal.



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New page. Great content.

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Visit us by clicking on the QR code.



Part of the Corporate Culture: *Doing Good Is Part of the Mission for Brown-Forman*

Brown-Forman team members completed volunteer projects for St. Vincent de Paul Louisville twice in 2021. First, they painted the floors of the Food Pantry in September for the Mayor's Give a Day initiative. Then another team prepared food for those served by the Open Hand Kitchen during the holidays.

"Brown-Forman employees take pride in giving back to the communities where they live, work, and raise families," explains Brown-Forman's Global Community Relations Manager Karen Krinock. "Whether it is through time, talent or treasure our employees are dedicated to making a difference and making an impact to improve the lives of others."

Joshua Wiese, one of the chefs who volunteered at the holidays, shared:

This opportunity for our hospitality team to give our time and support to St. Vincent de Paul was an eye opening and heartwarming experience for all of us.

This was the first, but not the last, time some of our team have volunteered in the community.

Everyone came back with exciting stories about how much enjoyment they



For the mayor's Day of Action, a team from Brown-Forman came out to paint the floor of the food pantry. It made such a difference!

found in giving back to the community and the respect they have for what you and your team are doing.

We truly appreciate the love and support the Brown-Forman teams showed our staff and clients. We are truly blessed by those who support our mission.



Brown-Forman's team from the cafeteria spent three days between Christmas and the New Year preparing meals for the homeless in the Open Hand Kitchen. We are so grateful for their skill and their generosity this holiday season.

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

Success Story

Raul is of Indian descent and was in our shelter for two years. Cultural and language barriers had left Raul unaware of what he needed to do to move beyond shelter life. Case Manager Shana Burnley began working with Raul one-on-one. With patience and time, Shana was able to move beyond the language barrier to really understand what was holding Raul back from more permanent housing. Raul did not have access to an ID, and without an ID, he could not get permanent housing. Shana helped Raul get the documents he needed to get an ID, and he now lives at the YMCA. He comes back to SVDP on occasion to visit and let staff know he is doing well.

The Work of the Conferences: Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Conference, located in Louisville's east end, provides nearly \$50,000 a year in emergency support to people in need throughout the community. There are 20 Vincentians currently active at Holy Trinity. In addition to raising and dispersing emergency funds, the conference, along with members of the parish, have several projects that are dear to their hearts.

At Thanksgiving, Holy Trinity partners with St. Augustine in the south end to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those who could not otherwise afford to celebrate. In 2021, this program provided food for 150 families.

At Christmas, the conference and the parishioners work with their sister parish, Holy Name, for "Links of Friendship," a program started by Vincentian Pat Crowe 25 years ago. This program

matches adults and families in need with members of the Church who purchase items requested by their sponsored individual or family. Hundreds of people throughout Kentucky are helped by this program each year.

On a weekly basis, a number of members of the Holy Trinity Conference manage the SVDP Food Pantry. The conference provides an average of \$400 a month in toiletry items not provided by other sources for those who use the pantry. One member of the conference, John Bowling, is the unofficial manager of the Food Pantry and has been volunteering for the past seven years.

"The more I saw the need in the community, the more focused I became on helping," explains John.

Vincentian Dan Kelley notes the importance to the conference of both giving

to others and developing their own spiritual growth, "Each meeting begins with a reflection, led by our spiritual leader Susan Means, and that religious reflection helps guide our giving and charitable actions."

We are so grateful for the good work this conference performs.



Volunteering at the Food Pantry brings joy to those working there.

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.

Included with this newsletter is a donor survey that will help us learn more about your interest in SVDP and help us connect you better to the programs and efforts that matter most to you.

We are also doing this because we need more people like you who engage so deeply with St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and our mission, and the information you share will help guide us.

Please complete the survey included with your newsletter, and return it in the included envelope. You can also visit svdplou.org/donor-survey and complete it online. Thank you in advance for participating!

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