

The Good Samaritan

Roberts Hall

Roberts Hall is a Section 8 Single-Room Occupancy unit with space for 24 women. Women range in age and ability when they come to Roberts Hall. The goal of Program Manager Renee Bailey is to help each woman become as self-sufficient as possible so that they can move out on their own.

Renee explains that many of the women at Roberts Hall have limited life skills. “The women here have disabilities and past experiences that haven’t prepared them to live on their own. It’s my intention to teach each woman who comes to Roberts Hall how to be self-sufficient,” she says. “I make every experience I can a learning opportunity.”

In her 17 years at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, Renee has seen a lot of people flourish after working with case managers. “I’ve seen people who came here with no interest in changing find motivation to change their lives for the better and live on their own,” Renee smiles. “It’s seeing them after they’ve become self-sufficient, seeing their confidence and their courage, that keeps me here, working with these women. They grow, they blossom, and they move to a more independent life.”



Outside Roberts Hall

One such woman stayed at Roberts Hall while she worked a variety of jobs. Then, she found her calling working with adults with special needs. “She’s living a life she loves now,” says Renee. “She lives on her own. She loves her work. I am so happy to have played a part in her transformation.”

Most women who live at Roberts Hall gain the life skills and coping skills needed to live more independently within one to three years. However, there is no time limit to a person’s stay. “Some people are more comfortable with the structure and stability of communal living,” Renee explains.

Renee works to make the women’s rooms as comfortable and homey as she can. She welcomes donations of pillows, sheet sets, décor items, and towels and wash cloths to make her residents’ lives more comfortable.

We thank you for your generous donations, which allow our program managers like Renee make a difference to those in need.



Renee Bailey

Success Story

Ms. D moved into Roberts Hall, a women’s only dormitory run by SVDP, 13 years ago after escaping domestic violence.

When program manager Renee started working at Roberts Hall, D was still in hiding and afraid to have her name show up in any system. Because of this, she did not receive food stamps or have health insurance. She went to the free clinics and got all her food at food pantries. She was definitely a survivor.

Renee began working with D and, after gaining her trust, helped her get food stamps and insurance. D would often talk to Renee about going back to school to get her degree. Renee was able to help her enroll in college where she thrived until COVID-19 changed class structure.

Renee then helped D overcome the fears that kept her from moving into her own place. Renee helped D find a condo on the bus line. Like the survivor she is, D rented a U-Haul truck and moved all her items from the third floor into her new place on the second floor. D plans to return to school once the pandemic has ended.



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Summer Camp on Campus

The Family Success Center has great plans for the summer break. From June 20 through July 29, the Family Success Center will be in full swing, providing fun activities and enrichment opportunities to children in need who live at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville and the surrounding neighborhoods. There will be chemistry, engineering, visual arts, and drama components to the program, and each week the children will have a field trip to a different location, including the Louisville Zoo, Slugger Museum and the Ali Center!

The Summer program is free and available for our client's children and those in need within the community. We are able to provide this resource to our clients and neighbors because of your generous donations. We thank you for all you give to help these children live more satisfying and enriched lives.



Children who enjoyed last year's summer program learned about art, chess, and more during camp.

Clubs & Cocktails



Mark your calendar! Clubs & Cocktails returns to Hurstbourne Country Club this year, September 19.

Welcome to Our New Vincentians



On Sunday, April 24, 45 Vincentians were welcomed into the community. We are grateful for their dedication to the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul.

Welcome to the Vincentian community:

Denise Angel, Holy Trinity
Megan Angel, Holy Trinity
David Calzi, Holy Trinity
Heather Lilla, Holy Trinity
Jules Marquart, Holy Trinity
Patty Rademaker, Holy Trinity
Andy Shay, Holy Trinity
Tom Heiser, St. Agnes
Janet Gardner, St. Bernadette
David Hise, St. Bernadette
Dan Langan, St. Bernadette
Brenda McMahon, St. Bernadette
Deborah Boone, St. Dominic
Tony Boone, St. Dominic
Lisa Burkhead, St. Dominic
Colette Leet, St. Dominic
Sharon Medley, St. Dominic
Lori Riney, St. Dominic
Larry Smith, St. Dominic
Anne Margaret Taylor, St. Dominic
Melanie Carlisle, Epiphany
Steve Feldman, Epiphany
Geri Herbert, Epiphany

Greg Kuehl, Epiphany
Joyce Kuehl, Epiphany
Bob Langan, Epiphany
Pam Porta, Epiphany
Brenton Wolford, Epiphany
Rachael Fitzmayer, St. Gabriel
Sherrie Harbsmeier, St. Gabriel
Dena Kent, St. Gabriel
Melissa Rowe, St. Gabriel
Patricia Becht, St. Ignatius
Elizabeth Catlett, St. Ignatius
Edd Franklin, St. Ignatius
Karen Recktenwald, St. Ignatius
Linda Kamer, St. Patrick
Beverly Stark, St. Raphael
Lea Ann Devine, St. Paul
Gene Dowell, St. Paul
Dave Durston, St. Paul
Marian Burke, St. Peter the Apostle
Sharon Elzy, St. Peter the Apostle
Cathy Hagan, St. Peter the Apostle
Terry Snodgress, St. Peter the Apostle

Paint & Snack Class

Jayden, one of our practicum students, hosted a “paint and snack” with residents at Tranquil House as a means to bring together neighbors and case managers in a relaxed atmosphere.

Jayden explains, “the neighbors are each other’s support system, and we want them to feel more comfortable relying on each other and on their case managers.”



Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Tour de Change

August 9th

Give for Good

September 15th

Clubs & Cocktails

September 19th

Your Used Car Can Help House and Feed Those in Need

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to Schedule
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Our Volunteers Are Amazing

We'd like to thank the students of Holy Trinity Parish School for their hard work on campus last month. They beautified the grounds, worked in the Open Hand Kitchen and in the Food Pantry, and helped us prepare for our Mother's Day brunch, Roses & Rose'.



The Employees at Wehr Constructors Inc. donated over \$1,300 to our Open Hand Kitchen to help provide an Easter meal to those in need. We are so grateful for their generosity. In this photo, two members of the executive team from Wehr (left) meet with staff at the kitchen. (right),

In-Kind Gifts Make a Difference

We are always looking for items to help those in need.

Consider donating:

- Twin Sheet Sets
- Pillows
- Hygiene products
- Diapers
- Shelf-stable pantry goods
- Men's black shoes and belts for uniforms
- Cleaning supplies

Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our community.



Tara Buckler, a peer support specialist, works in our Veterans Program.

One of the initiatives she loves is a garden that is managed by Tara and the veterans. The garden grows fresh fruit and vegetables like strawberries, tomatoes, cabbage, and other produce requested by the residents.

The garden is an opportunity for veterans to commune with nature and reap the rewards of their work. And, as Tara says, "we all need more time in the natural world."