

# The Good Samaritan

## Big Changes at Ozanam Inn

On September 1, 2022, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's men's emergency shelter, Ozanam Inn, eliminated check-in and check-out, and began allowing men to stay 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Ozanam Inn is the first emergency shelter in Louisville to eliminate check-in and check-out and open its doors 24 hours a day.

"This will let our clients using the emergency shelter have even better access to our support services like case management and mental health/substance abuse counseling," explains Executive Director and CEO Dave Calzi.

"Our goal is to help more of our residents in crisis find permanent housing," says Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Clark. "We believe providing more stability in their time at the shelter will support this goal."

Ozanam Inn can house up to 50 men, which includes 40 congregate spaces and 10 individual rooms, known as Sanctuary Beds, for men who need a private setting. Men staying overnight will need to sign in and out every time that they leave but will be able to leave belongings, have a small locker space, and come and go as they need to.



We are proud of our Ozanam Inn team who have worked hard to prepare for this new format at our men's shelter.

## Success: Finding a Way

Stacy Boyd is a case manager who works with people in our transitional housing for those impacted by domestic violence. She is working with client 'M' to support M's goal to get permanent housing for herself and her child.

M came to St. Vincent de Paul when she fled from abuse. She had no ID card, and her visa was about to expire. M was terrified she would be deported. Stacy took M to an immigration lawyer where together they learned that M might be eligible for a domestic violence emergency visa. Stacy guided M through the process of getting the correct paperwork to receive that visa. Stacy also helped M get an ID and get M's daughter enrolled in school.

Now Stacy and M are working to get M permanent supported housing. Stacy is helping M get child support from the child's father, and while there is still a long road ahead of her, M is hopeful for a better life with her child.

When asked about this experience with her client, Stacy described the process as "really satisfying." "I know she needed my help, and there were a lot of steps that would have been difficult for her to navigate alone," Stacy explains. "I see real progress with my client, and I am proud of her and of the work I do."

## SVDP Changes to Meet the Needs of Our Residents

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville has reorganized its Housing Department. The reorganization will incorporate changes that St. Vincent de Paul sees as necessary for it to provide services more holistically to those in most need.

"We see opportunity to do what we do at a level that is more responsive to the growing needs of our community," explains Executive Director and CEO Dave Calzi. "This reorganization will build capacity to do what we're already doing better and give us capacity to grow."

In light of these changes, our Housing Department will now report to Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Clark. A new position, Director of Housing and Services, has been created to oversee housing and programs departments.

Three associate directors, one for housing case management, one for permanent housing, and one for crisis housing services, will report to the new Director of Housing and Services. Finally, a new position will be created to manage programs that are not housing

related: The Family Success Center, Open Hand Kitchen, and the Food Pantry. This associate director will work closely with Director of Volunteers and Conference Affairs Donna Young.

"This new organizational structure streamlines operations, changes where decisions are made, and takes advantage of where we already have added capacity," shares COO Jennifer Clark. "We're going to be better equipped to follow our mission to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity."



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# Successful Clubs & Cocktails

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our 19th Annual ISCO Industries Clubs & Cocktails Event! The dinner and auction on Sunday evening at The Olmsted was incredible, and the weather for the golf scramble on Monday did not disappoint. Because of you, we were able to raise over \$90,000 in total this year. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity. Thank you!

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## Thank You for Giving for Good

Give for Good was a success because of your generous giving. We raised over \$48,000, and these funds will be used to support the Family Success Center. This will allow our team to provide STEM and STEAM programming for the kids. The children love these opportunities to learn, grow, and play.

Programs like LEGO Robotics, art classes, drama, and science will all help our kids stretch their imaginations and realize the many opportunities that await them in life. Your contributions will enhance these children's development as happy, healthy, hopeful children. Thank you for caring. Thank you, for giving for good.





# Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



## Tour de Change

November 8th

## Thanksgiving

November 24th

## Santa Shop

December 11th

## Christmas

December 25th



Our thanks to Louisville Metro  
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## Ham & Turkey Donations

We're planning holiday meals and asking for donations of turkeys and hams from our generous supporters. We are committed to providing holiday meals this season, and we can't do it without the generosity of those who donate hams and turkeys and those who volunteer at the Open Hand Kitchen to serve the holiday meal.

Angela and the kitchen staff plan to prepare delicious meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and will provide both in-person and carryout options for those dining. As of now, we are planning on serving just as many people as we normally would, but the meals will be presented in carryout containers, to ensure safe dining. We need your help to ensure everyone receives a holiday meal.

Turkeys and hams 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](mailto:aleavell@svdplou.org) for more information. Thank you! With your help, we will make these the best holidays possible.



Last year, we had people dining in and taking their food to go.

## Focus on Conferences: St. Albert the Great

The St. Albert the Great Conference has 20 Vincentians who work together to respond to emergencies throughout the Greater Louisville area. They work in partnership with community ministries in economically stressed areas to augment their work. "Our goal is to help those in most need throughout Louisville," explains Vincentian Conference President LuAnn West.

The St. Albert the Great Conference has 6 Vincentians who answer the calls that come to the conference. Help provided can be for anything from utilities to car repair, to support in finding help for more personal crises. "Sometimes a person needs more than economic support, and we try to be there for them," says LuAnn.

In addition to providing help to those in need, being a Vincentian gives one time to grow spiritually through meetings that open and end with prayer and include spiritual meditation and through the work of service itself.

The Conference has two groups of Vincentians who work in the Open Hand

Kitchen. Another two are dedicated to working in the Food Pantry. The Vincentians are also active in parish life, serving the parish community both spiritually and through good works. Being a Vincentian is an extension of one's faith. LuAnn explains, "service and mission are vital in my faith. Being a Vincentian was a way for me to better live my faith."

When asked why one might consider being a Vincentian, LuAnn explains, "our purpose in life is to help our brothers and sisters in need both economically and spiritually. Being a Vincentian allows us to do just that. And in doing Christ's work, we become stronger spiritually."

We want to thank the St. Albert the Great Conference for their service throughout the Louisville community. They are a blessing.



## Gift for the Food Pantry

We want to thank St. Albert the Great Parish for their incredible generosity towards the St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's Food Pantry. The parish raised money for food pantries throughout Louisville.

St. Vincent de Paul received \$20,000 from St. Albert the Great to help support those who have found themselves in need of groceries. We are so grateful for the parish's generosity to those in need in the Louisville community.



Jim Thomas gives Donna Young a check for \$20,000 from St. Albert the Great to help support the food pantry.

## Gifts from the Garden

Our Veteran's garden may have become weedy, but the vegetables, fruit, and flowers we still receive are wonderful. Program Aide Tara shares the bounty with clients of the food pantry.



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