

The Good Samaritan

The Road to Housing

'C' emigrated from Mexico. In Louisville he found himself homeless without identification and, consequently, unable to work. C has spent years in Louisville, bouncing from one organization to another trying to get the help he needed to live an independent life. "I went to many different places trying to get people to help me. People would tell me to go here or there to find the support I need, but I found no help," explained C. "When Mrs. Shana became my case manager, things started to turn around."

Shana worked with C to help him find the documentation he needed. She was able to get C an appointment with the Mexican Consulate, who said they could help if C had his birth certificate. C didn't have his birth certificate and became discouraged, but Ozanam Inn Program Manager Auther encouraged C to keep working with the staff at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, and that together they would find a way to get the birth certificate and get his ID.

By this time, Shana had moved to another program, but she remained dedicated to helping C. Shana worked with his new case manager, Latoya, to help C get his birth certificate and send that and the necessary documents to

Immigration. Latoya and C travelled to Indianapolis to meet with immigration. Their hopes soared.

Unfortunately, Latoya and C hit another roadblock when Immigration required additional papers from the Mexican government as well as copies of photo IDs from two family members. While disappointed, C and Latoya did not give up. "We worked hard in the next month and a half to get all the paperwork filed, returned, and sent to Immigration," explains Latoya.

At 7:55 p.m. on September 13, Latoya received notice that C had an appointment with Immigration on the 15th. While rearranging her schedule was difficult, Latoya would not disappoint C. They traveled to Indianapolis on the 15th, met with immigration and received C's passport.

"While this is a small victory to us, it meant everything to C," shares Latoya. "We still have a lot of work to do as we work to get C a social security number so he can work and get housing."

C and Latoya are now working with St. John's and Common Assessment to take these last steps toward having housing. "No matter how much work



Latoya and C have celebrated many victories as they strive to get C permanent housing.

this takes, the outcome will be C has housing and can work. It makes my heart so happy to see C and my other clients happy," smiles Latoya. "I'm looking forward to celebrating with C when he is able to work and have his own place to live."

Would you like to help a client like C achieve his dreams? Your support of our programs helps case managers like Shana and Latoya serve those in need. Thank you.

Case Manager Latoya Webb-Elliott

Case Manager Latoya Webb-Elliott came to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville after working as a case management service associate at Humana. She began her work at St. Vincent de Paul as a program aide, but soon after coming here, Latoya realized she could do more for the men at the Ozanam Inn emergency men's shelter as a case manager.

"As I interacted with the clients, I began to build relationships with them that led to their trusting me," she explains. "It was then that I asked to be in case management, so I could do more for my clients."

As a case manager, Latoya helps clients learn about the resources and services available to them. She helps them navigate the bureaucracy that makes finding a home so difficult. She

has seen clients move from feeling lost to feeling confident that they will find a home and employment.

Latoya says, "the best thing about my job is that I play a role in helping these men feel like men again by getting back on their feet and becoming productive members of society. Whether that's through helping them find a job, finding that home to call their own, or receiving the benefits they need and deserve, I find helping these folks so satisfying. I always let them know, I know what it's like to not have, but with hard work and determination I believe they can do anything they put their minds to. I'm constantly encouraging them to be better than they were last week. Little do they know, they encourage me to be better too! I absolutely love my job and my clients!"



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By the Numbers Oct. 2021 - Sept. 2022

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

- 504 people served since October 1, 2021.
- Of those, 139 were individuals, the remaining 365 are part of 109 families.
- 227 of these people are children.
- 85% of our clients in 2021/22 did not return to homelessness.

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 433 individual men served since October 1, 2021.
- Of those, 16%, or 60 men, have been permanently housed.

VA Program

- 45 men have been served since October 1, 2021.
- Of those men, 77% have been permanently housed.

Tranquil House

- 13 people were served since October 1, 2021.
- 61% increased or maintained mental health services.
- 60% increased their participation in the community, attending events, group counseling, and/or other social/emotional activities.

Family Success Center

- 36 children were registered for the 2021/22 school year.
- 85% of those students maintained or improved their grades.
- 79% are reading at or above grade level.
- 100% of the children have shown increased STEM skills and knowledge.

Mental Health & Substance Use Program (Clinical Services)

- 483 households have been served since October 1, 2021.
- 232 crises have been resolved with a 98% success rate.
- 97% of individuals and families who used these services reported making progress toward their therapeutic goal.

Ways to Give This Holiday Season

This year, we have much to be thankful for. In particular, we are thankful to you, our supporters, who have helped with so many programs and projects. It is because of your generosity that we can provide the compassionate support we do to those in need.

There are many ways to help during the holiday season.

On other shopping days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we ask that you use AmazonSmile to support SVDP. You can select Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Louisville, Inc., as your charity of choice, and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

So as you look at your giving list this year, please remember those in need and help them as you give to all those you love.

Conference News: St. Raphael the Archangel

The St. Raphael Conference has 25 active Vincentians who strive to meet the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville by helping to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity. "Our key work is providing aid to those in need in our community. That can be aid for rent or utilities, or other emergencies that come up in life," explains Conference President John Raque.

The St. Raphael Conference takes 15-20 phone calls for aid every week. In addition to this mission, the conference provides volunteers for the Open Hand Kitchen the second Friday of each month and three or four volunteers to the Food Pantry each week.

Each year at Thanksgiving, the Vincentians collect food items from church members. The goal is to create food baskets for 75 families in need each year. Those are distributed on December 17. In past years, the generosity of the parishioners has allowed the Vincentians to create all 75 food baskets and still have food available to donate to four local food pantries: The St. Vincent de Paul Louisville Food Pantry, St. Ignatius's pantry, Sister Visitor's pantry, and Highland Community Ministries' pantry.

"We have been blessed with donations of over 7,000 items each of the last few years, and I anticipate that our parishioners' generosity will continue," says Raque.

In addition to these meaningful acts of charity, the St. Raphael Conference has begun working on some larger projects. Earlier this year, St. Raphael took the lead in renting a 53-foot trailer and filling it with school desks, tables, chairs, and file cabinets for those in need following the flooding in Eastern Kentucky. This school furniture provided support to the school district in Letcher County.

"We didn't do this alone," shares Raque. "We secured a 53' Ft trailer & secured 106 school desks, 12 files and two refrigerators from Mercy, Trinity, Belarmine & John Paul Academy. We received financial assistance from Epiphany, Holy Trinity, St. Stephen Martyr & the KY Colonels. The Holy Spirit is alive!"

We are grateful for the work of all our conferences, and we thank St. Raphael Conference for their dedication to the works of St. Vincent de Paul.



Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Santa Shop

December 11th

Christmas

December 25th

Roses & Rose

April 29th

Our thanks to Louisville Metro
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Help Feed Someone in Need for the Holidays

There's still time to bring turkeys and hams to the Open Hand Kitchen to provide a Christmas dinner to those in need for the holidays. Your gift can provide families and individuals with the warm food they need to have a reason to be merry this Christmas.

Turkeys and hams may be delivered to the Open Hand Kitchen at 1026 South Jackson St. Call or email Angela Leavell at (502) 794-1843 or aleavell@svdplou.org for more information or to schedule a donation. Thank you! With your help, we will make these the best holidays possible.



Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the responsibility of transforming gifts into hope for our many clients. Thank you, donors, for supporting us in loving memory of or in honor of those listed here. Your donation represents a lasting legacy that will shine through the successes SVDP has in fulfilling its mission.

Those remembered from April 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

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