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One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run



Dear Reader,

The 6th Annual SVDP WALK for the POOR will be held August 27th and is so important! It provides the funds to supply Christmas baskets for the needy. Due to low incomes and rising costs, more people are in need. I personally know how important this walk is as my family has benefited from it. We need as many participants as we can get to help fund baskets for these worthy people. **PLEASE sign up and walk for the poor.** *Agnes Tucker*

The **Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run** is a national program with the purpose of providing local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conferences and Councils the additional funds to help support their special works projects. Today, that philosophy continues, with Conferences and Councils using the funds from this event to help local people living in poverty. **Our local walk will be held on Saturday, August 27th, 2016 at 9am in Snyder Park.** Proceeds will benefit the annual Christmas Basket Outreach. Baskets are given to seniors and families in need in Clark County.

This is a great opportunity to organize a team of family, friends, and/or co-workers to enjoy fellowship and exercise while raising funds to help the poor in our community. **You can register at www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org and if you register before August 1st you will receive a free T-shirt.** **PLEASE JOIN US AS A DONOR, WALKER, AND/OR VOLUNTEER** so we can reach our goal of \$35,000. **Registration forms will also be available the morning of the walk. Registration begins at 8am.** For more information contact Rebecca Wilson at **937-325-5010** or Email: r.wilson@svdpspfld.org

A Sweet Family Tradition



For the past five years a local family has set up a lemonade stand along the route of Springfield's Memorial Day Parade. Each year Maura, Mathias, and Genevieve, under the direction of their grandmother, Alice Goodfellow, hand out free lemonade for donations for the St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Pantry. The children like to do this because it is fun and they know they are helping people in need with the money they collect and donate. Using the same sign and stand every year, their Grandma makes sure they are well stocked with lemonade throughout the parade. The biggest donation they ever received was \$20. They asked the woman if she wanted change and she said 'no thanks, this is for a wonderful cause!' This past Memorial Day, despite the competition of two 'for profit' lemonade stands, they collected \$61! SVDP applauds Maura, Mathias, and Genevieve for this wonderful tradition and we are looking forward to the 'lemonade with a twist of generosity' next year!

One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

-John F. Kennedy

Making a Difference, One Prayer and One Project at a Time

Young Vincentians of Catholic Central High School are the younger members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They participate spiritually through prayer, as well as by participating in projects that assist the poor. Andrea Migliozi Voltz, CCHS City Connects Coordinator, is the advisor of these amazing Young Vincentians. St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) would like to introduce Adelaide and Hannah who have been Young Vincentians for one year. They first learned about this organization from their older sister and CCHS graduate, Erin, who was a Young Vincentian. They were intrigued with this organization and became members. Adelaide and Hannah have enjoyed meeting people while making a difference in our community. Along with the Young Vincentians, Catholic Central gets very involved in community projects. They both have fond memories of the coat drive, working in the gardens, assisting with the Christmas food baskets, and preparing bags of Easter candy for the SVDP food pantry. We salute Adelaide and Hannah for their generosity and hard work. We hope their story will lead others to join the Young Vincentians this coming school year.

Volunteer Patty Geis Cafferty explains to Adelaide and Hannah how recipients shop at the SVDP Food Pantry.



The Starfish Story

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a girl picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the girl, he asked, "What are you doing?" The girl replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "My daughter," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!" After listening politely, the girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, she said...

"I made a difference for that one."

Author Unknown

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

-Theodore Roosevelt

A New Program: Moving On Up

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to help those in need in our community with care, compassion, and acceptance. In addition to doing this we now recognize that a systematic approach is needed to meet the goals of ending poverty – one individual, one family, one community at a time.

In an effort to work toward a healthy sustainable community we are offering a new 16 week program, Moving On Up, to those in need in our community. To date, we have twenty participants signed up for this program which begins on July 28th. The purpose of this program is to help those who receive services and support from SVDP to improve their current life situation. Hard times can touch anyone's life at any time but with support, perseverance, and faith one can move forward and become successful.

Two volunteer 'facilitators' will lead each three hour weekly class. The participants, 'investigators', will each receive a workbook to follow throughout the course. The workbook is an investigation tool to assist participants to explore the impact that poverty has had on them, investigate economic realities, complete a self assessment of their own resources, and build on their own resources. They will share experiences, look at resources to help them make changes, and develop a plan to implement changes in their lives. As we work together, we hope to maintain momentum and build relationships.

SVDP is seeking volunteers to support this program. We are in need of groups to volunteer to provide one lunch during the 16 week program and volunteers to serve as mentors to those enrolled in this program. Other supports are being pursued to help make this program a success. Most importantly, we ask that you pray for all those leading, supporting, and attending this program!

For more information or to volunteer to provide lunch or to be a mentor please contact Mary Crabtree at **937-408-4954**.

**The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand,
as in what direction we are moving."**

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

New Director Joins Our Team

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) officially welcomes our new Executive Director, Terry Black, who joined our team on July 11th. Terry has been happily married to his wife, Carolyn, for 42 years and they are blessed with two children and seven grandchildren. They attend St. Bernard Church. While growing up in Springfield Terry attended St. Raphael Church and graduated from North High School in 1971. Terry served four years in the United States Army before completing his Associates Degree in Accounting at Clark State and his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration at Capitol University. Terry managed both the Accounting and Human Resources functions at Robbins and Myers in Springfield, as well as multiple federal government contractors at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and has been teaching evening courses in finance at Clark State for the past 20 years.



When Terry first learned about this position he knew he had the skills and desire to help those who are less fortunate. Terry believes his expertise in both finance and human resources will enable him to bring new ideas and approaches to SVDP. He is happy to be a part of this long standing organization that has traditionally served our community for over 50 years.

In an effort to get to know the volunteers, staff, and processes at SDVP Terry volunteered his services the month prior to his appointment date. His first goal since employment has been to analyze SVDP's software system. This will enable him to study data, track trends, and be in a better position to make recommendations regarding the overall services and success of SVDP.

As the new Executive Director, Terry has shared the following message.

"I am humbled to serve the District Council of St. Vincent de Paul as your new Executive Director. The volunteers and staff I've met are both enthusiastic and dedicated to making our mission as successful as our manpower will allow. Having said that, I urge you to ask your friends and family if they can volunteer just a few hours a week to help us meet the mission. As the quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes says above – "The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving" – as we are "Moving On Up" with a new program designed to change the lives of the needy by helping them achieve a life that is stronger – emotionally, financially and spiritually as an individual and as a family. But we can't do it without you and the help of selfless volunteers. May God bless you and please pray for our success as we continue our journey to ease the suffering of those in need."

Life's most persistent and urgent question is:

“What are you doing for others?”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Opportunities to Volunteer at SVDP

The SVDP Thrift Store is staffed with six paid employees and ten volunteers. At one time the Thrift store had 50 volunteers. The Food Pantry is currently staffed by fifteen volunteers.

We really need more volunteers! Often when readers see a request for volunteers they may immediately think, “I am not sure what I can offer and/or I do not have the time to volunteer”. Many of SVDP's current volunteers have assisted SVDP for many years and we know at some point, even now, some of these dedicated volunteers will be ready to 'pass the torch' to newcomers to SVDP.

Not only are we in need of volunteers NOW, we also need our 'volunteers with expertise' to train new volunteers as they join our team. As we make this plea for volunteers, we ask you to please review the list below while giving careful consideration to one that best fits you. Take time to call the 'person of contact' (POC) for details and pray about your decision. If you decide to volunteer, you can work with the POC to set up volunteer times that work best for YOU and SVDP!

If you find that you cannot commit to volunteering weekly or monthly, please consider helping with special annual projects such as the 'Friends of the Poor Run/Walk' or the 'Annual Christmas Baskets'.

You can also help by making donations. For monetary and food donations please call the Food Pantry at **937-325-8880**. To donate clothing/household goods/furniture, call the Thrift Store at **937-325-9111**. For additional Information please visit our website at www.svdpspflld.org.

OPPORTUNITY	Person of Contact (POC)	Contact info
Home Visits - Make home visits with another volunteer to review the person's situation and offer assistance as determined.	Dan Kelly-St. Teresa Jerry Lawrence-St. Bernard Mel Buck-Holy Trinity (SR+SJ)	937-206-8998 937-399-1074 937-308-1294
Walk-in Emergency Assistance, Bread Runs, Pantry Appointment Person, Pantry Greeter, Pantry Shelf Stocker, Client Assistant, Truck Unloading Call List, and volunteer Manager/Coordinator	Jerry Lawrence	937-399-1074
Landscaping/Gardening and Historian Volunteers	Mary Crabtree	937-408-4954
Sick & Home Bound Support	Tony Bickers	937-322-2643
Thrift Store	Doug Edwards	937-325-9111



Donations may be made to:

St. Vincent dePaul, P.O. Box 94, Springfield, OH 45501
Or online at SVDpspflld.org

91% of all donations to SVDP are used to fund programs
which help those in need in our community.