

Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



March 2017

Thank You for the Hope!

This quote is from a woman who was homeless. She had called for help with shelter. After a phone conversation to understand her struggles and a promise to have a team of two volunteers meet with her to determine how we might best help her, she tearfully shared these words of gratitude ~ *Thank You for the Hope!*

Since the 1800's, the Society has reached out to those in need, bringing them the love of Christ in addition to helping with physical needs. It is only through God's providence that we have the committed volunteers and the financial resources to serve those in need in our community and in 150 countries around the world.

In the past fiscal year, we were contacted by over 900 households and had 252 home visits and 545 visits at our office in the Catholic Charities building. Our Society provided approximately \$100,000 in assistance, \$75,000 in financial assistance and \$25,000 in goods (furniture, clothing, household goods and food.)

Our local Society, consisting entirely of volunteers, has been blessed with the generosity of our community. The annual appeal from area Catholic churches and pancake breakfast are our only regular fundraisers. By God's grace, unsolicited donations make up over 75% of the Society's annual income. We were able to have 94 cents out of every dollar donated go directly to assisting with basic needs.

The majority of help has been for housing assistance (66%.) Sheltering people in motels when shelters are full, providing rental assistance to those facing eviction and helping with funds to secure permanent housing remain the most common need. Transportation assistance (17%) bus passes, gasoline, bus tickets, etc. has emerged as the second largest category of assistance. Helping with utility disconnects and maintaining phone service (12%) is the third largest type of help. 5% of assistance is given for other basic needs such as medication and identification, etc.

Whether it is a "Caroling for Cans" food drive by the athletes at UWS, a senior project food drive by Nicholas Murray, a winter clothing drive and cleaning supplies drive by the Catholic Daughters, new winter coats donated by the Knights of Columbus, or a Catholic School's week sock drive by students in Superior and Ashland the outpouring of generosity of goods and monies allows us to serve those in need as Christ served and to offer prayer with our brothers and sisters and walk with them in their times of struggle. Thank you for providing HOPE!

16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MAY 7

WITH THE

*SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SACRED HEART OF JESUS CONFERENCE*

Cathedral of Christ the King
1111 Belknap St. Superior, WI



Free
Breakfast



Serving
from
8:30 a.m. ~
1:00 p.m.
in Kress Hall

Silent Auction - Door Prizes - Music

Donations are gratefully accepted

ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Maria Goretti Youth Conference

Most Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral of Christ the King in Kress Hall, you will find a group of middle schoolers and a middle aged woman sitting around a table, eating lunch, reading prayers, sharing prayer intentions, laughing, planning events, and eating ice cream with chocolate syrup.

Who are these people and what are they doing? The woman is a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the youth are members of the St. Maria Goretti Youth Conference — "Minnie Vinnie's."



After being commissioned at a Wednesday Mass last fall, the youth took on their first service project. They decided that they "loved babies" and wanted to help with a pro-life project. As the middle school was scheduled to erect the Cemetery of the Innocents in front of the Cathedral (300 crosses representing the 3000 lives lost to abortion each day in our country), they decided to create a wall in front of the cemetery on which pro-life posters would be placed.

These students led their classmates in creating pro-life posters. The posters were started by 6th graders, added to by 7th graders and then 8th graders put on the finishing touches. After a school Mass, the students hung their posters on the "Wall" and the entire middle school prayed a Chaplet of Divine Mercy in front of the Cemetery.

Additional projects followed and the youth delivered Thanksgiving baskets to those in need and worked with their classmates in setting up Christmas Gift Giving for families. As their Lenten project, the Minnie Vinnies and seventh graders are planning a trip to a local nursing home to work with residents in creating Easter baskets for children in need. Meet our Minnie Vinnies at our upcoming anniversary pancake breakfast on May 7 at Cathedral Kress Hall!



We Are Friends of the Poor
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
1416 Cumming Ave.
Superior, WI 54880



715-398-4039
(voice mail)



Visit our Website:
svdpsuperior.org

If you have a need or know of anyone in need of our assistance please call **715-398-4039** and leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Meetings

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Charities building at 1416 Cumming Ave., Superior, WI

Membership

Active Members: Attend meetings and visit with those in need in their homes or at our office.

Associate Members: Assist with special projects.

Contributing Members: Provide regular or annual donations in support of the Society.

SVDP Officers

President: Anita Johnson

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Leon Flaherty

Vice President: Lynn Tracy

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VP of Technology: Tim Houglum

Treasurer: Eric Stuart

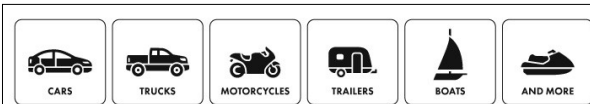
Secretary: Becky Stuart

The National Vehicle Donation Program

The **National Vehicle Donation Program** is coordinated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. Donate a car or other vehicle to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and help those in need. Each vehicle donation helps provide food, utilities, shelter, housing, transportation, medicines and much more to those in need in our community. Your vehicle does not need to be in operating condition. Donating your vehicle is EASY! Call **800-322-8284** (available 7 days a week) or visit svdpusa.careasy.org

Your vehicle will be towed at no cost to you. Get a tax deductible receipt and help our cause! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We accept all types of vehicles:



FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



On September 24, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference of SVDP held a local walk in conjunction with walks held across the country in support of SVDP and in solidarity with those in poverty.

Thirty three individuals participated in this free event in which participants walked a round trip between Cathedral of Christ the King and Central Park. Our WITC student intern, Char Groeneveld, assisted in planning and holding this event.

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