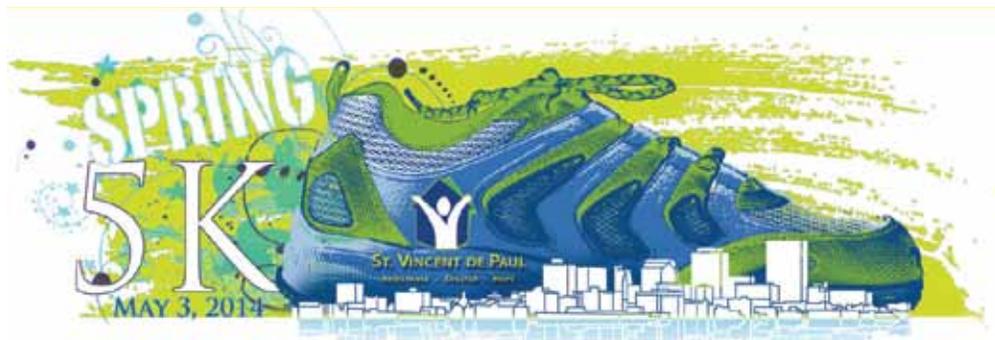




St. Vincent de Paul Announces A NEW Spring 5k Event!



For the past 6 years, St. Vincent de Paul has held the Friends of the Poor® Walk in September and has come up against some of the area's largest 5k events on the same weekend. In an effort to increase awareness of our mission and to improve participation and support, St. Vincent de Paul has decided to move our fall event to the spring and make it a sanctioned 5k run/walk. Making the move to the spring provides a great opportunity to give the event a whole new look and name!

Run or walk, form a team, sponsor a participant, or have your company become a business sponsor. Registration forms and information about the event can be found at www.speedy-feet.com; events are listed by date, so look for St. Vincent de Paul's 5k Walk/Run on May 3, 2014. Registration is \$20 before April 15th and includes a T-shirt. After April 15th, registration is \$25, so plan to register early!

Teams and individual participants are invited to attend a special Kick-Off Party at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1st – no foolin' – at Flyboy's on Far Hills Ave. St. Vincent de Paul serves thousands of individuals in the community who are living in poverty or who are homeless. Support our mission by participating in this event!

For more information, or to get your team packet today, contact Jennifer Nagel at 222-7349 x 410!



St. Vincent de Paul Spring 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, May 3, 2014

**Check-in and late
registration opens at 9:00 a.m.**

5k starts at 10:00 a.m.

A Food Crisis Grips Our Community

Hunger remains the least discussed crisis in our community. Our food pantry report will tell you everything you need to know. On December 23, 2013, even though the holiday-related Monday opening caused some confusion, we still posted the largest number of households served in one day (475) – ever!

Charitable Enterprises Manager Kryss Davidson is concerned that numbers above that, on a consistent basis, could require changes to our current procedures and/or the amount of food we are able to distribute.

It is a legitimate concern. Cutbacks in food stamp funding have already taken a toll and, this month and next, thousands of local Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents could be “sanctioned” (translation: lose their food stamp benefits altogether) for not meeting the State of Ohio's work requirements.

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks estimates that, within Dayton and Montgomery County, 25.7% of households with children, and 17% of households without children, cannot consistently afford food – and this was before the funding cutbacks and other changes in food stamp regulations.

2014 will be a challenging year for St. Vincent de Paul and other food pantry providers – and you can help. Donations of food, and financial gifts to purchase food, are most welcome.



From The Director

Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul:

Utility costs. Security services. Building maintenance and repair.

These and other operating costs are the bane of every non-profit CEO. First of all, they are as unpredictable as the weather to forecast. More importantly, they constitute the vast majority of the cost of serving the community's poor and the homeless at St. Vincent de Paul. Charitable giving is often, and thankfully so, directed towards programs, services and outcomes that help people learn new ways to overcome the challenges they face. Underwriting an organization's operating costs is usually not the first choice of donors. In our case, our mission begins with the operations of our shelters and as a result we are able to provide for the basic needs of our guests...a warm bed, a hot shower, and food to eat.

That's where you come in. Your unrestricted gift to St. Vincent de Paul helps us pay the \$2 million it takes annually to heat, light and cool the facilities that shelter and house our guests; to provide the 24-7 security services that assures their safety; and to maintain our shelters and other properties in excellent condition.

But your contribution to St. Vincent de Paul allows us to do more than keep the lights on. Your gift also enables us to use our other sources of support – from governments, grants, corporations, philanthropies, etc. – to focus on our mission: to surround clients with respect, support and care; to connect them to the services they need and deserve; and to empower them, one person at a time, to transform their lives.

We start and end each day knowing that our work is God's work. Your continued generosity allows us to honor our pledge to Him – and to the poor and homeless who are entrusted to our care.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,



David Bohardt, Executive Director

P.S. For anyone interested in trading their February electric bill for St. Vincent's, please feel free to give me a call!



Matt Graybill Elected

Community Board President

Matt Graybill, the Chief Operating Officer of Dayton Children's Medical Center and a Vincentian of the SVDP Incarnation Conference, was elected president of the Community Board on February 20, 2014 by his fellow Board members.

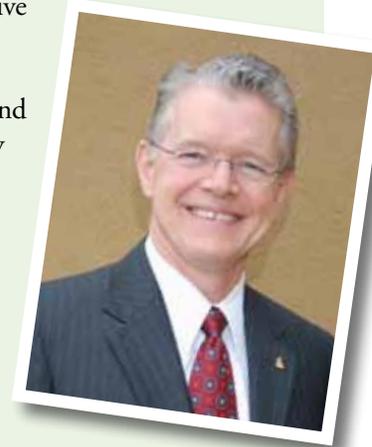
The Community Board oversees the work of our Special Works ministries, including the two Gateway shelters and housing programs, our community stores, food pantries, and Community Furniture Bank.

The officers elected with Graybill were Vice President Jim Tillar and Treasurer John Hogseth (both re-elected) and Secretary Bonnie Vitangeli. Hogseth is the retired president of R & M Materials, Tillar is a principal with Tillar-Wenstrup Financial Advisors, and Vitangeli is the manager of her family's dental practice. Hogseth is a member of the Incarnation Conference, and Vitangeli is a member of the St. Paul-Englewood Conference.

Bill Loftus will also serve as a voting member of the Community Board Executive Committee in his capacity as President of the Dayton District Council.

"Matt and his leadership team bring great strengths to the mission and work of St. Vincent de Paul," said Executive

Director David Bohardt, "and I know they will help us accomplish great things in the coming year."



A More Focused Mission Statement Adopted by SVDP

The Dayton District Council Board of Trustees has adopted a new mission statement that more clearly identifies our core purposes. The new mission grew out of the collaborative work of the Trustees and the Community Board during the strategic planning process. "We wanted to emphasize the spiritual and person-to-person nature of our ministries," said DDC President Bill Loftus, "and this new statement of our mission does precisely that." See our new mission statement on the back page of this newsletter!

We are both Unique and Similar

For those of you who are familiar with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as well as for those who are not, the concept of what a “Conference” is all about might seem somewhat confusing. Most conferences are associated with a local Catholic church; but not all. Conferences can be established outside of Catholic churches as well as being an integral part of the Church. Here in the Dayton District Council, we have two conferences that are associated with universities: The University of Dayton and Wright State University. Though predominately Catholic, many members of St. Vincent de Paul conferences are non-Catholics. One element, however, is common among all members of all conferences, and that is the need for spirituality as we communicate within the conference and with others.

Not all conferences conduct their business in the same manner either. A few conferences meet monthly; some meet twice a month, and a few meet every week. All conferences have a President and a Treasurer; most also have a Secretary; and many have a Spiritual Advisor. Our continuing effort is to have an active Spiritual Advisor designated at every one of our conferences. Our conferences are



also limited by the number of members that they have as well as the money that they can collect that can then be used to assist those in need. These two factors (volunteers and financial resources) have a great bearing on how many can be assisted as well as how they may be assisted. Many conferences make regular home visits as a part of their ministry. Some are limited in making these home visits because of the areas in which they serve, as well as the number of volunteers that they have. Some conferences answer the phone several days a week and personally return those calls, while other conferences leave instructions for “how to acquire services” on an answering machine. All conferences do the very best that they can with the number of volunteers and the financial resources that they have.

I would like to close this article with a brief description of just one of our

conferences. It is unique, as are all of our conferences, but it is similar in as much as its members believe, as do all our conferences, that we “see the face of Christ in all that we assist” and that “no act of charity is foreign to a Vincentian.”

During 2013, the 20 members of the Mary Help of Christians conference in Fairborn assisted 7,384 individuals with food from their pantry and relief from utility bill payments. Collectively, these volunteers spent 3,398 volunteer hours assisting others, and traveled 8,596 miles meeting and working with those in need from their area.

A similar story is repeated over and over again, on a weekly basis, at over 30 parish-based conferences located throughout this part of Ohio. We have always been there when emergencies arise and help is requested. If you are interested in volunteering along with us, please check with your parish office to obtain the phone number for your local St. Vincent de Paul conference. Give us a call, and join with us in our mission to assist those in need on a person to person basis. It is a great experience.

Bill Loftus
President, Dayton District Council

St. Vincent Development and Volunteer News

Many changes were recently put into place in the development and volunteer departments. After completing the long range strategic plan in 2013, plans were put into motion to take a comprehensive approach to development and fundraising. In an effort to achieve the budgetary goals for five years as laid out in the long range plan, staff changes were made.

- Rebecca DeLong moved from the Manager of Volunteers to Senior Development Associate. Rebecca will meet with major donors, businesses, and auto dealers to boost our Vehicle Donation Program. In addition, Rebecca is working with a new committee planning the first St. Vincent de Paul Gala scheduled for September 20th!

- Jennifer Nagel moved from the administrative offices to Development Associate. Jennifer will meet with donors, businesses, and work with the committee on the all new 5K Run/Walk to be held May 3rd.
- Terry Williamson takes on a new role as the Development Database and Research Associate. Terry manages the database (which contains over 30,000 friends of St. Vincent de Paul!) and processes your donations. In addition, Terry continues to assist the Westendorf family with its golf outing set for July 25th to benefit SVDP! If you have questions or updates to your contact information, please notify Terry!

- Dana Lee continues to oversee our Vehicle Donation Program. Dana works with donors and the vehicle auction center to ensure your vehicle donation is handled smoothly.
- Carmel Scott-Emuakpor was hired as our new Manager of Volunteers. If you want to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available, please contact Carmel at 222-7349 x 103.

Our development and volunteer staff are here to serve you and to ensure that your gifts and talents are helping those who need it most. Please let us know how we can help you make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



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Hugh Edward Wall III, Community Board Member and SVDP General Counsel

Hugh Wall, St. Vincent de Paul's long-time general counsel and a member of the Community Board, died on January 10 after a long illness.

Hugh was instrumental in the negotiations leading to St. Vincent de Paul's purchase of the Job Center, and was widely regarded as one of region's leading attorneys. At the time of his death, Hugh was a partner in the firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister. For the 30 years prior to joining Taft, he was a lead partner in the firm that bears his name – Coolidge, Wall, Wolmsley and Lombard.



"Hugh was more than a great attorney," said SVDP Community Board President Regis Lekan. "He was a tremendous advocate for our mission, and a generous supporter of our work. We will miss him greatly."

