



Sock It To Poverty! Theme Announced for Spring 5k Run/Walk

Do you know how many socks St. Vincent de Paul uses for clients each year?

“If every single person we serve was given one pair of socks each, we would distribute over 100,000 pairs in the greater Dayton area,” Executive Director David Bohardt estimates.

The Sock It To Poverty 5K Run/Walk participants and sponsors can make financial contributions, and collect new socks to donate.

The 5K will have activities including free food, selfie stations, music, and more. Attendees are encouraged to wear their wildest socks while they participate!

Track all the fun details as they unfold at stvincentdayton.org.



Executive Director David Bohardt wears funny socks to promote 5K.

Date:

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Time:

Registration open now!
Event day registration at 9am
5K at 10 am

Location:

Montgomery County Job Center
1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.,
Dayton, OH 45417

Cost:

\$10 Kids' Fun Run Ages 4-10
\$20 **before** April 15th
\$25 **after** April 15th
(Shirt not guaranteed after 15th)
Sponsorship Levels Online

5K Registration is open and sponsorships are available at stvincentdayton.org/SockItToPoverty.

Call (937)222-2349 ext 410 with questions.

C-3 Cares Selects St. Vincent de Paul for 2016

The C-3 Group has selected our organization as the recipient of their C-3 Cares initiative. The program provides marketing support at no cost throughout

the entire year. In past years, C-3 Cares has provided assistance to a variety of non-profit organizations in the area.

President Brad Cullman shares: “We’re very excited to be working with St. Vincent de Paul this year. On a recent tour of the facility, we’re amazed at what all St. Vincent does for the community and how many people they help lift up every day. It was truly eye opening. As a marketing firm, if we can play even a small role in spreading the word throughout the Miami Valley to help others realize this as well, it will assist St. Vincent de Paul to continue the incredible work they do for our community.”

Executive Director David Bohardt agrees, “the changes in marketing materials will solidify the St. Vincent de Paul look and feel while increasing our visibility in Dayton.”

You can read more about this partnership at stvincentdayton.org.



The C-3 Group seal describes the core aspects of their mission.

Our look may change, our mission stays the same.

From the Executive Director

Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul:

We began 2016 with two high priority resolutions. The first is to sustain the quality of assistance, shelter and hope we provide to the thousands of the poor and homeless entrusted to our care. The second resolution is to focus on our financial health. While private gifts from you and so many others continue to be generous and growing, they are not keeping up with the cost of caring for our clients.

Almost 70% of the private gifts we receive come in November and December. The holiday season and tax deductions combine to create a perfect storm of financial support for our mission.

But our work is 24/7, 365 days a year.

And so as you plan your 2016 charitable giving, please consider at least one extra gift to St. Vincent de Paul, especially in the first half of the year. That extra gift will help give us a little breathing room and assure that we have the resources to lift the lives of those who come to us for help. In exchange, we pledge to maintain an ethic of excellent stewardship. We will continue to recruit more volunteers. We have ramped up our efforts to collect in-kind contributions to limit our expenses for food and personal care items. And we will continue to provide shelter at a cost that may be unrivaled in the country – less than \$30 a day per guest – for shelter, security, food, personal care items, and professional counseling and case management.

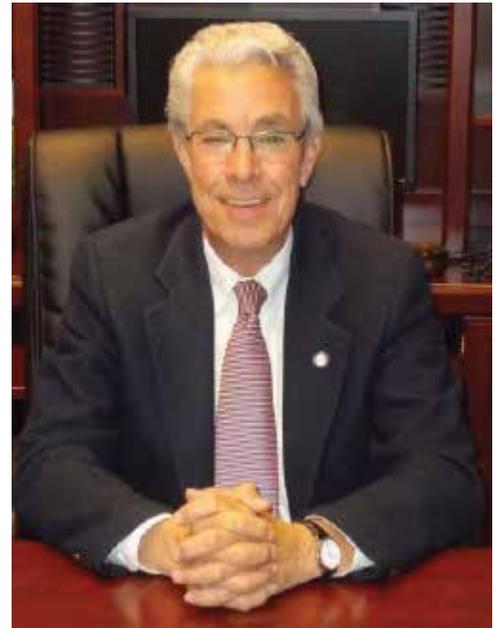
We are very proud of that achievement. Your extra gift in 2016 will help us achieve even more.

God bless you and our family.

Sincerely,



David Bohardt, Executive Director



**Your gift of \$28
can provide one
full day and night
of care for a client
in shelter.**

Thank You, Volunteers!

St. Vincent de Paul relies heavily on volunteers throughout the year to make the most of the money donors entrust with us. Volunteers work hard serving meals, folding laundry, bagging groceries, managing the front desk, and more.

Volunteer Jeff Hulme has worked at the front desk and felt a desire to do something positive for the community.

*“I hope I was able
to make a difference
with the guests.”*

“I always end my shift with a sense of accomplishment,” Jeff shares “and I hope I was able to make a difference with the guests within the shelter.”

You can read Jeff’s full story on our blog at stvincentdayton.org.

Thank you, Jeff, and all our volunteers who provide assistance, shelter, and hope year-round with St. Vincent de Paul in so many valuable capacities!

If you would like to volunteer or share your story, contact the **Manager of Volunteers** at (937)222-7349 ext. 103 or email volunteerinfo@stvincentdayton.org.



Volunteer Jeff Hulme.

St. Vincent de Paul Helps People

“I just saw the thrift store and knew St. Vincent de Paul helped people.”

These words were spoken by a young mother who visited the Community Thrift Store just as distribution day was ending at the Food Pantry.

“It was obvious that she and her two children had never been in this situation before,” the Pantry Volunteer Coordinator shared, “she wasn’t aware of any of the services in the community or where to turn.”

She explained her story: she was in her late twenties and the mother of two young girls. Her relationship with the girls’ father, which had been stable for many years, had recently deteriorated and he had become abusive. She had fled with the girls and was now staying with family.



She had left with nothing. She didn’t know what to do.

Her most pressing needs were clothing and food and, thankfully, St. Vincent de Paul was able to meet those needs through the voucher program.

Once she realized we could help her, she began to cry.

To her, this voucher represented more than just clothing.

It represented hope that others do care for her and that there are good people who will assist her as she rebuilds her life.

What a blessing it is for those of us who work and volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul to be part of this mission that provides hope. We believe it’s an amazing gift to be part of an organization that people can come to in their most vulnerable moments, because they “just know that St. Vincent de Paul helps people.”

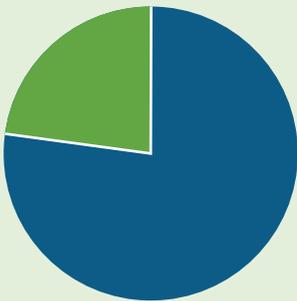
St. Vincent de Paul runs the largest food pantry in Montgomery County in addition to 9 other pantries in Conferences.

Visit stvincentdayton.org/Help if you or someone you know needs assistance.

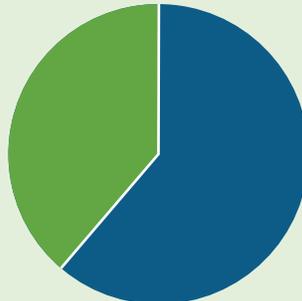
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■ Children ■ Adults

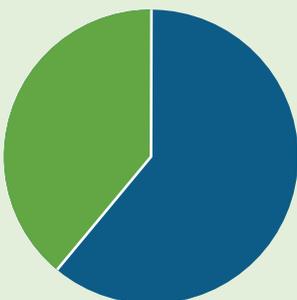
**Both Gateway Shelters:
4,003 People**



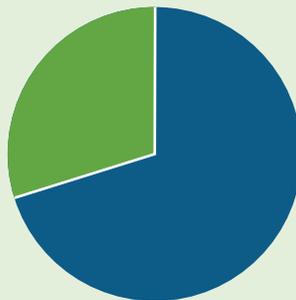
**Food Pantry:
11,057 People**



**All Supportive Housing Programs:
282 People**



**Supportive Services for Veteran Families:
545 People**



In 2015, the entire organization served over 100,000 clients.

Conference Update



Our 500 active Vincentians, serving in 35 Conferences with a service area extending north to Ft. Loramie, east to Xenia, south to Franklin, and west to Camden, drove more than 100,000 miles and provided over 50,000 hours of volunteer service to their neighbors in need in 2015.

Thank you for your time and gifts!

Have questions about Vincentians?

Find your answers at stvincentdayton.org/What-is-a-Vincentian.



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for St. Vincent de Paul

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Read more about collection drives and see our **Wish List** for most needed items at stvincentdayton.org.

