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St. Vincent de Paul Social Services, Inc.
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Dayton, Ohio 45402-2617

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Donate Your Vehicle
937.222.5555 opt 3



DRIVE DAYTON FORWARD!



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR GIFTS OF GOODS?

At St. Vincent de Paul, we regularly use the household items you donate to help our clients in a number of ways. From clothes and toiletries for our shelter guests to furniture and appliances for families moving into their new homes, nothing you give to our mission is wasted and everything you give is appreciated.

Donation Schedule

If you would like one of our box trucks or vans to pick up items you want to donate, call 937.222.5555 Option 212 to get on our pick-up schedule.

Urgent Needs

- Sheet Sets (twin)
- Washcloths & Towels
- Blankets (twin)
- Underwear (new, Children & Adult all sizes)

For information on our Urgent Needs, Amazon Wish List, and more, visit: www.stvincentdayton.org/WishList

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Gettysburg Oasis in the Dayton Food Desert



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUCCESS

Back-to-School season can be a difficult time for any family, especially those struggling with poverty and homelessness. This season however, we are blessed by organizations like Union Savings Bank and Revival Center Ministries. Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, all of our children in shelter are starting fall semester strong with new backpacks and school supplies.



GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

Our Getting Ahead Program continues at the Job Center. Program participants work to discover tools that help them build prosperous lives for their families.



VEHICLE DONATIONS

Cars, boats, vans, motorcycles, whatever you no longer need can make all the difference for the clients we serve. Call 937.222.5555 Option 3 for your free tow today!

The Dayton Metropolitan area has been called a food desert, a region with limited access to affordable fresh produce and groceries. In a place where fresh foods are in short supply, it can be especially difficult for the people we serve to find quality fruits and vegetables. Thanks to our new partnership with the University of Dayton (UD) and The Ohio State University Extension (OSUE), that's all starting to change.

This summer we created a new Shelter Farm at our Gettysburg Gateway Shelter for Men. Shelter guests can volunteer to help maintain the farm, while the University of Dayton and The Ohio State University Extension provide their educational and agricultural expertise.

Although getting the new farm started was challenging, the plot is certainly thriving. The first harvest yielded about 30 pounds of produce, and already the farm's impressive assortment of over 1,000 plants has grown to yield over 200 pounds in it's latest harvest. All of that fresh produce goes directly to feeding those served by St. Vincent de Paul Dayton.

The benefits go far beyond nutritional value as well. The farm is part of the Behavioral Activation Research Project in Homeless Shelters, a special collaboration between St. Vincent de Paul Dayton and the University of Dayton which has been ongoing since 2012. The experiential component of the project is designed to help shelter guests develop life enriching skills that go beyond the farm.

Continue the story at: www.stvincentdayton.org/shelterfarm





Through our ministries of St. Vincent de Paul, our very humanity is celebrated every time we reach out to a hurting neighbor, a stranger with nowhere else to turn, or a child without clothing, food, or safe shelter. Together we show God's love through our care and accompaniment of over 100,000 people in the Miami Valley each year.

Thank you for your continued prayers, labors, and financial sacrifices to support our mission!

From the Executive Director

Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul,

Seasons are on my mind at this time of year. Summer never seems to last long enough for our children and grandchildren, and yet we are eager to see them face new challenges and opportunities for growth in a new school year.

Before we know it, autumn's harvest will mark our fall from cool nights to even colder, darker days and the stillness of winter. From that place we plant our hope for spring and the assurance of summer beyond.

Seasons provide a natural rhythm of expansion and contraction, action and contemplation. We accompany each other, facing the changes and challenges together.

Of course, we are also aware of seasons in our individual lives — sometimes presenting challenges we face alone or without the ready resources of friends and loved ones: joblessness, bankruptcy, eviction, homelessness, divorce, illness, death.

Every day and night at St. Vincent de Paul we accompany people in great need — many of whom need temporary assistance to get through a troubling season in their lives. Thank you for assisting! Whether it's financial or material help for our ministries, or your personal accompaniment, or your prayers of support, you are providing assistance in a season of need for thousands of your neighbors.

Would you help us celebrate our community of assistance? Please join us at our 70th anniversary picnic on Saturday, October 13th. It's a free event, and your friends and family are invited, too. See stvincentdayton.org/rsvp for more details and to register.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael
Michael E. Vanderburgh,
Executive Director

22nd Gene Westendorf Memorial Golf Success



On Friday, July 27th, the Westendorf and Neff families hosted their 22nd annual Gene Westendorf Memorial Golf Tournament, dedicated to the memory of Gene Westendorf.

Gene Westendorf gave many hours to help the less fortunate served by St. Vincent de Paul. He also loved to play golf. The dedication of the families to honor the memory of Gene Westendorf and his dedication to St. Vincent de Paul has been a true blessing over the years

This year, tournament golfers and their families gathered together to raise over \$18,000.

"I'm sure Dad (Gene Westendorf) would be extremely pleased that his family has continued his work for St. Vincent de Paul through these golf tournaments," daughter and organizer Jan Westendorf Kornfeind said. "One of his favorite things to do was to help those who were getting back on their feet."

See more photos from this year's tournament on our Facebook page @stvincentdayton. Photography courtesy of Caroline Williams Photography.



RSVP by Sept. 14 for 70th Anniversary Celebration

Our 70th Anniversary Celebration will be here soon! RSVP online before Sept. 14th to join the fun: www.stvincentdayton.org/rsvp.

70th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday Oct. 13th 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Transfiguration Center
3505 Calumet Rd. Ludlow Falls, OH 45339

Food, Music, Wagon Rides, Children's Games & more!



Support Needed as Shelter Numbers Rise

With the holiday season just around the corner, already we're starting to see a rise in demand for shelter support. In the last few weeks, we've seen nights with up to 470 people in shelter and as many as 90 children. With your support, we can help provide rest to the weary and hope for a better future for so many in need across the Greater Dayton Region. Please consider serving your neighbors in need with a financial gift in support of our programs.

Donate online:
www.stvincentdayton.org/GiveHope

