

Books Now Support Our Mission

Financial support for St. Vincent de Paul's mission comes in a wide variety—but did you know your gift of well-loved books is a way you can support our work?

One of our newest revenue streams is The Book Roost, a book sales program we began in February 2019. The Book Roost serves a dual purpose: provide book lovers with great books at great prices and provide funding for our ministries to neighbors in need.

Each donated book is sorted by genre at the St. Vincent Community Stores at Edwin C. Moses Boulevard and Salem Avenue. Linda Spanel, Book and Media Manager, estimated she sorts approximately 2,500 pounds of donated books each week. "We receive quite a variety of books," said Spanel. "Children's books, cookbooks, fiction of all kinds, religious books – even Bibles!"

The Book Roost's collection has grown to over 5,000 books between the two stores. Books are categorized so it is easy for readers to find a specific author or subject, and Spanel uses themed tables to highlight books related to current events and holidays.

"Shoppers and eager readers can find new selections at both stores each week," Spanel said. "I love to watch what books sell quickly and what genres interest our readers. We keep two shelves full of Bibles at our Edwin C. Moses store, and I restock those shelves every few days because of the demand. It's simply a joy to see how people are finding and experiencing God through The Book Roost."

Unsellable books are recycled and sold. These sales also provide revenue for our ministries.

"The books are a great bargain and support our work to help our neighbors in need," said Spanel. "It's a win-win for everyone, and we are thankful for all the book donations we receive."

How to Help

Support The Book Roost by donating books and shopping at our stores!

St. Vincent de Paul Community Store

945 S. Edwin C Moses Boulevard
Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Community Store

4825 Salem Avenue
Monday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Shelter for Women & Families

120 W. Apple Street
We receive book donations here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

If you have a minimum of eight boxes of books, you can arrange for a pickup by calling **937-425-0592**.



Volunteers from LexisNexis sort and pack donated books.



Thousands of books are ready for purchase at our two Community Stores.



CREATE OR UPDATE
YOUR WILL FOR FREE

Creating a will is one of the most impactful ways to build a legacy of love. St. Vincent de Paul has partnered with FreeWill to provide a free tool to help you create or update your will. To get started, visit: www.freewill.com/stvincentdayton.



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Steadfast Friends Help the Whole Year Through

When an individual or family comes to one of our shelters, they may feel afraid and alone, and often have little more than the items they can carry with them. With care and compassion, we provide our guests with three meals daily, clothing, personal care items, mail and message services, and housing-focused case management.

Over 4,000 men, women, and children come to our shelters every year. It costs \$28 to feed, clothe, and shelter a guest for one night. We have been able to keep this expense lower than it would be otherwise, thanks in large part to the work of our dedicated volunteers and the donors of new or gently used items. To continue with the magnitude of this work, we are dependent on the generous spirit of all our donors.

About twenty years ago, we began promoting monthly giving to support our shelter ministry. Originally called Bed and Breakfast, Steadfast Friends Monthly Giving continues today with over 200 donors.

One of our Steadfast Friends, Mila Servé, has been a monthly donor for several years. Mila learned at a young age from her mother the importance of giving to those in need. By preparing meals for shelter guests and volunteering in the shelter she learned more about our homeless neighbors. Mila has a clear picture of how much it costs to shelter a guest for a night and how her monthly donation makes a big difference for people in great need.

Will you join Mila as a Steadfast Friend? Please go to “How to Donate” at stvincentdayton.org and click on “Monthly Giving Program”. Thank you for supporting our ministry, bringing your love to the most vulnerable of our community.



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.

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends of St. Vincent,

For nearly 200 years the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has engaged everyday people worldwide to accompany individuals in need, whether that need is material, social, physical, or spiritual. People who join our mission of friendship, service, and spiritual engagement themselves greatly benefit from the experience.

In these several months since the Memorial Day tornados and Oregon District tragedy, my own journey with St. Vincent has been greatly enriched by others joining our ministry efforts. In this issue of *The Vincentian* you will read about our new volunteer partners, including Declare Worship Community’s Living City Project, and how they have enhanced our furniture distribution to tornado survivors in need. We stand together with Christian purpose, responding to the same call to serve others that draws people to God.

Also in this issue you will read about Steadfast Friends, our monthly financial supporters. It’s an easy way to regularly help us magnify our work. Lastly, our new book donation effort has wonderful benefits for you and for others.

You help us accompany individuals in need, focusing on clothing, food, and shelter. Thank you for supporting our efforts!

Yours in Christ,

Michael

Michael E. Vanderburgh,
Executive Director

Expanded Freezer Awaits Home-Cooked Casseroles

We recently completed mechanical upgrades and expansion of our walk-in freezer, allowing for an additional 82 square feet of freezer storage. Thank you to the community grantors and the donors directing their giving towards this project for making this improvement possible!

Would your service group help us fill this freezer with home-cooked casseroles for our shelter guests? As winter weather approaches, now is the perfect time to express your support for our guests by helping us provide a warm, prepared-with-love meal. This is a wonderful project for a school, church, business or service organization as large batches of uniform, frozen casseroles are needed to serve over 400 shelter guests each evening.

We hope you will assist us in our ministry through this SVDP tradition. For large-batch recipes and tips for organizing a casserole drive, please visit “How to Donate Goods” on our website.

Long-Term Tornado Recovery: Focus on Furniture

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provided food, clothing and home furnishings to more than 700 tornado survivors in the days after the Memorial Day tornados. Now we have a singular focus for our long-term recovery efforts: furniture.

“We’ve managed the distribution of donated furniture for a long time – and we do it well,” said Kryz Davidson, Manager of Community Enterprises for St. Vincent de Paul. “We had good processes in place, which helped us to act quickly after the storms passed.”

In the wake of the tornados, we purchased 50 House in a Box® kits from SVdP USA Disaster Services; each kit included a couch, dining set, mattresses, and dressers for a family of four. Partners at Morris Home Furnishings and Furniture Fair provided beds and bedframes, and many individuals responded generously by donating all sorts of furniture and personal items.

Both Miami Valley Community Action Partnership and the Declare Worship Community’s Living City Project have been tremendous partners for SVdP in recovery work. Their trucks and volunteers have helped St. Vincent de Paul support nearly 300 families with furniture and household goods, and we expect to serve 300 more families by the end of 2019.

These 600 families are in addition to the 1,000 households the Society serves each year.

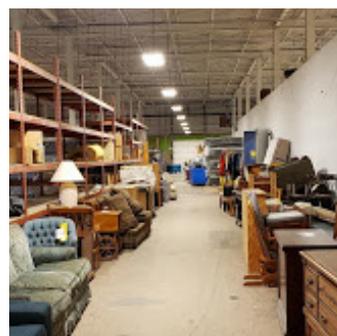
“We are distributing on a scale we never imagined. It will be a long time until this work is over,” said Davidson. “No one really knows when we will be able to say the community has truly recovered.”

“We can’t do this work alone,” continued Davidson. “Our partners and our donors empower us to make this happen. If there’s an item we desperately need for a family, it’s not long until God has provided it. He knows the needs of this community, and we’re proud to be able to help fulfill those requests.”

We continue to need furniture donations to support recovery efforts, especially mattresses, beds, sofas and dining tables. For more info, visit stvincentdayton.org.



Jeff Blumer, Director of Food Service Operations, inside our expanded freezer.



Furniture staged in our warehouse for families affected by tornados.



Volunteers loading up mattresses for neighborhood delivery.



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DRIVE DAYTON FORWARD

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WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR GIFT OF GOODS?

We regularly use the household items you donate to help the people we serve 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 DROP-OFF

Donation of goods can be made any time to our 24/7 donations dock at 120 W. Apple Street. If you or your organization would like to host a collection drive, please visit stvincentdayton.org

FURNITURE PICK UP

Please call 937.425.0592.

Urgent Needs

Our neighbors need a place to sit, eat, and sleep. We are in great need of furniture donations to satisfy these needs. Donations of beds, cribs, mattresses, sofas, living room chairs, end tables, and dining tables and chairs are much appreciated. For furniture pick up, please call 937.425.0592.

PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- **Sheets and sheet sets** – all sizes, new or gently used
- **Blankets** – all sizes, new or gently used
- **Bath towels and wash cloths** – new or gently used

For the most up-to-date information on the items needed to serve our guests and neighbors, visit stvincentdayton.org and “Donate Goods”.

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