

# From Shelter to Employment with St. Vincent de Paul

You transformed Greg's life.



We first shared Greg's story in last year's Spring Vincentian newsletter. He wanted to share the powerful difference you have made in his life since then!

When Greg came to St. Vincent de Paul in 2024, he was clean and sober, but he had lost everything as a result of his addiction.

But then you stepped into his story. Through your support for St. Vincent de Paul, you gave Greg shelter, food, clothing, and access to resources. But most importantly, you reminded him he was not alone.

*Thanks to you, Greg found a home and a job –bringing joy to men, women, and children in the shelter.*

"If not for here," Greg said of the shelter, "I would have nowhere else to go. There's no telling what I'd be doing if it wasn't for this place. I don't feel alone."

The support from shelter staff had a lasting impact on Greg. He volunteered to work with staff in the shelter kitchen. This gave him a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. He experienced the dignity of work, while also giving back to help others.

Today, thanks to you, Greg has his own home again. And he is employed at St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen. He is grateful for the freedom of living on his own again, and he uses that freedom to continue giving back.

He remembers all too well what it was like to come to the shelter. "That was rock bottom," he said. "I did what I had to do to get by. And by the grace of God, I've been spared." Now, he says the best part of his job is "making the guests happy. I just want the customers to be happy."

Because of you, Greg's story didn't end at rock bottom. Today, he has a home, meaningful work, and—most of all—joy. The happiness he once struggled to find now overflows to others with the same compassion he received—and he is spreading that happiness every day.

Here's who you helped shelter, feed, and clothe in 2025



1,167

Single Men



781

Single Women



262

Family Adults



487

Children



# The Vincentian

Special Edition – Thankuary Newsletter

Thank you for your generous support in 2025! Your kindness is transforming lives in our community.



*Thanks to you, Georgianna is reclaiming her life with the support she needs to find a stable home.*

## Reclaiming Her Life With Faith

You are an answered prayer for Georgianna.

Georgianna has had her share of heartache. She married at a young age, and that relationship ended in a painful divorce. But, she recalled, "My life took a turn for the worse when my oldest child died. I began to drink to cope with the pain."

Her two children went to live with her ex-husband, and her relationships with them became increasingly strained over the years. Her son finally told Georgianna she could no longer see her grandchildren. "It was my wake-up call," she said. "I checked myself into rehab."

While she struggled with alcohol, she also ended up in an abusive relationship for many years. It came to an end only after the man attempted to kill her – and almost succeeded. She spent more than a year recovering from the physical trauma.

But one day, after more than two decades, she said, "My disability income just stopped. The government declared that I was no longer disabled." She lost her primary income, then her home. Amid the upheaval, she stopped taking her mental health medication. The instability of her situation began to wear her down.

Thanks to your support, though, Georgianna found her way to St. Vincent de Paul's supportive housing. Here, she has her basic needs met – food, shelter, clothing – and the support she needs to regain stability and find a new home.

### You are an answered prayer for Georgianna.

“It is a process,” she said, detailing the steps she is taking to build her income and find a new home. “I’m making it through by praying.” Through you, her prayers are being answered. She is reclaiming her identity as someone worthy of care, attention, and hope. Because of your generosity, Georgianna has shelter, nourishing meals, and compassionate support as she rebuilds her life—and her sense of who she is.

Reflecting back, she said, “When I got sober, I started going back to church. My faith has guided me and shown me the real way of life. How can I help somebody today? A simple smile, a hello, or a small gesture. You never know what someone is going through.”

## From the Executive Director

Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul,

You are wonderful!

With your support in 2025, you assisted 2,697 Dayton neighbors when they had nowhere else to turn for food, clothing, and shelter. You provided safety and stability for another 113 men, women, and children with supportive housing. Across the Miami Valley, your support for St. Vincent de Paul Conferences helped over 56,000 neighbors remain in their homes when they fell on hard times.



Your generosity means so much to those who seek the safety and support they need through St. Vincent de Paul’s ministries. In this annual Thankuary edition of our newsletter, I hope the stories gathered here give you a deeper appreciation for the impact you are making, and the good we’ve already accomplished together.

When our neighbors are struggling, so many in our community know that St. Vincent de Paul will be there – and we wouldn’t be here without you! We are so very grateful for your continued help and support.

I look forward to what we will do together in 2026. You remain in my prayers. Please pray for those we accompany in our ministries and the many employees, volunteers and Vincentians who serve with deep love for Christ’s work here on earth.

With sincerest thanks,

Angie Grilliot, Interim Executive Director  
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton District

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors: A Network of Charity

### You helped your neighbors stay in their homes.

Your generous support helps our neighborhood ministries, known as Conferences, to respond to neighbors in their time of need. More than 600 Conference members, known as Vincentians, volunteer and work with community partners to help neighbors stay in their homes and manage difficult times.

Through your support, you walk with Vincentians to make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, like Kim. At 60 years of age, Kim was recently widowed and living in a motel while undergoing cancer treatment. The motel was within walking distance of her appointments, but it would soon be closing due to electrical issues.

Kim didn’t know where to turn. She was expecting to receive financial support from her late husband, but it was taking longer than she anticipated to come through. She didn’t have any family to turn to. Her mother had recently died, and her only child had died from a drug overdose several years earlier.

Facing homelessness, a grave illness, and complete despair, she reached out to the St. Henry St. Vincent de Paul Conference. This, she recalls, was her saving grace.

With your generous support, Vincentians accompanied Kim while she navigated her many challenges. They helped her regain her strength after chemotherapy and helped her find a new home. She also received assistance with bus passes, food supplements, and financial help to cover a medical bill and her security deposit.

Vincentians also connected Kim with Planting Seeds, who helped furnish her apartment. The St. Henry Knights of Columbus contributed to a washer and dryer so that Kim did not have to further compromise her immunity at the laundromat.

Because of your support and the help of many who were the hands and feet of Christ to Kim, she is now living a quiet life in her own apartment. The tragic storm in her life has settled, and her hope is restored. Thank you for helping transform Kim’s life through your support to St. Vincent de Paul.

### Here's how Conference Vincentians helped their neighbors in 2025



**56,630**

Individuals served through home visits



**\$2,100,000**

Financial assistance and in-kind support



**53,168**

Hours of volunteer service



**9,067**

Individuals received food from neighborhood pantries