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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**You transformed lives
in 2025. See what
you made possible
through your support
to St. Vincent de Paul.**

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Finding Peace through Art

**Your support ensures women and
families are seen, known, and loved.**

"I never thought this would happen. . ." It is a common sentiment among women and families who come to St. Vincent de Paul shelter after losing their homes. The reasons for their homelessness may differ, but many guests share similar feelings – failure, discouragement, isolation, anxiety, stress, depression.

Thanks to the incredible support and collaboration of our community partners, most guests stay at the shelter for 30 days or less. But for some, like Christina and Tracy, who do all the "right" things but continue to face setbacks, the wait for an affordable and appropriate place to live can be much longer.

These long waits for stable housing are hard on a person's mental health. This is why accompaniment is such an important part of the work you make possible. Your support ensures staff and volunteers are available around the clock to walk with shelter guests during a difficult time.

One such volunteer is Julie. She spends most of her weekday mornings in the art room at the shelter, offering women the space and materials to be creative. As an artist, she understands what St. John Paul II once wrote, “The purpose of art is nothing less than the upliftment of the human spirit.”



Tracy enjoys peace and comfort when she works on art projects, like decorating her own journal.

With her experience as an interior designer, she transformed an old storage room at the shelter into an oasis where women like Christina and Tracy can find peace and encouragement while they wait for housing. Julie plays upbeat music and invites the women in to create art. The room quickly fills with excited chatter. The women share their stories, their struggles, their victories. They laugh together and encourage one another.

“It feels peaceful,” Christina said. “It calms my anxiety.”

Tracy agreed. “It’s like you’re part of a community. You don’t feel so alone. We are suffering from our own problems, but when we come in here, we aren’t worried about tomorrow or the next day. We are here in the present moment. We are disconnecting from our phones and connecting with each other.”

They aren’t the only ones benefiting from the project. The art they create livens up the shelter. They share their creations with other guests, and some store their art to hang in their future homes. The entire shelter feels lighter and more hopeful.

“These women are incredible,” Julie said. “They are resilient, they are strong. They’re really positive even though they’ve been through a lot. It is really inspirational. I feel like it is an honor to be here with them. I need this as much as they do, and I love them. I love seeing them as much as they love coming in here. It is really therapeutic for me too.”

When you support the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dayton – as a donor, volunteer, employee, community partner, board member, prayer companion, or advocate – you make it possible for us to walk alongside women and families and provide meaningful encounters where they are seen, known, and loved.



Women staying at the shelter find strength and hope by creating and sharing beauty amid difficult circumstances.

From the Executive Director

As I reflect on the last year, I am inspired by a recent message from the National President of St. Vincent de Paul, USA, John Berry about “durable hope.” In a world that often feels uncertain, hope can seem like a fragile thing.

We see headlines that remind us of the challenges facing our communities. We encounter neighbors carrying overwhelming burdens; families struggling to keep their homes, individuals battling loneliness and addiction, seniors choosing between medicine and groceries.

It's easy to wonder whether our efforts will ever be enough. But **the hope that animates our mission is rooted in Christ.** It is durable. It endures when circumstances are difficult. It remains when solutions are not immediate. It compels us to continue showing up, serving, and accompanying our neighbors one person at a time.

Every day, our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners encounter people who are experiencing some of the hardest moments of their lives. We may not always be able to change every circumstance. We may not solve every problem. We may not change the world overnight.

But we can change the experience of the person standing in front of us.

We can offer shelter to a family with nowhere else to go. We can provide food when cupboards are empty. We can help a neighbor remain housed. We can listen, encourage, and remind someone that they are not forgotten.

These moments matter. They are acts of hope made visible. And something remarkable happens when we engage in this work. We discover that **accompaniment is not a one-way act of charity, but an encounter that transforms everyone involved.**

That is why we remain steadfast. Not because we believe every challenge will disappear or that the road ahead will be easy. But because we know that Christ is present in every encounter, we trust that this faithfulness lived out day after day, person by person, has the power to transform lives and communities.

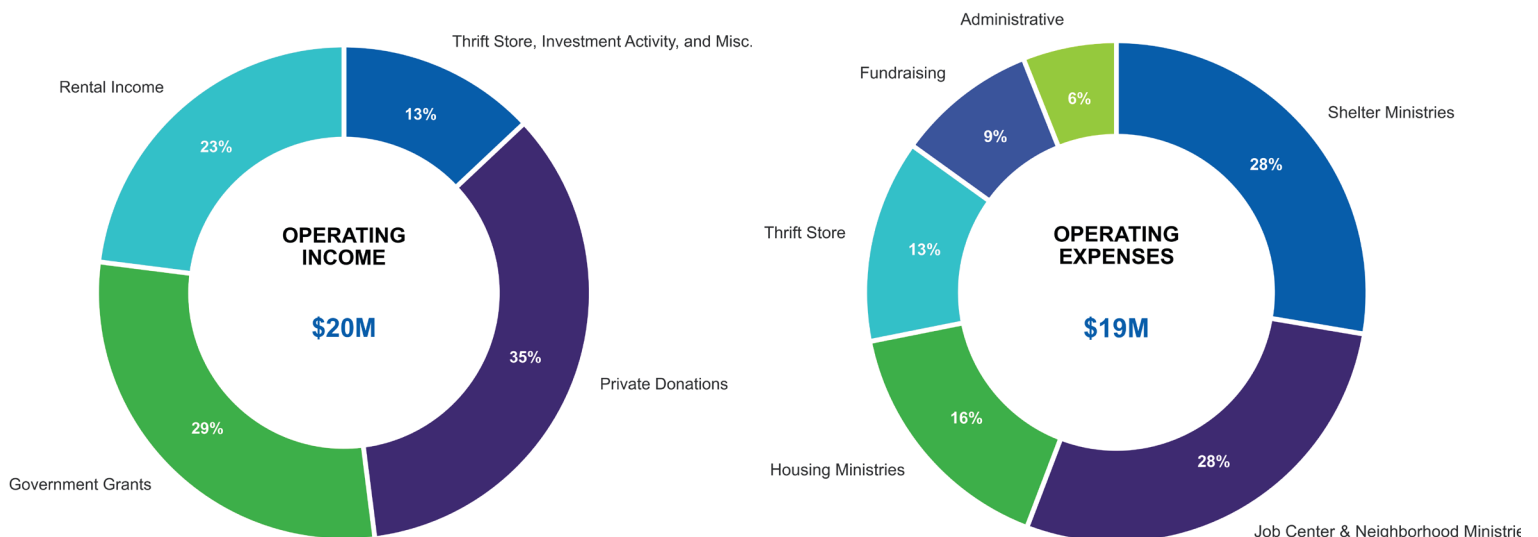
Thank you for being part of this mission, and for helping us build a community where every person is seen, valued, and loved. Most of all, thank you for sharing in the durable hope that continues to guide our work. Together, we move forward with confidence—not in our own strength, but in the promise of Christ.



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

2025 Operating Financials

This work is only possible through the generosity of our mission partners - donors, government and community agencies, volunteers, and Society members. Thank you for your support!



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

You helped your neighbors keep their homes.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35.

St. Vincent de Paul Society's neighborhood ministries offer person-to-person accompaniment and support across the Miami Valley. These ministries, known as Conferences, are based in Catholic parishes.



Members, known as Vincentians (Vin-SEN-shuns) gather regularly for prayer and fellowship, to grow in spirituality and friendship. As they grow in their faith and love for God and one another, they seek to share that love with their neighbors, especially those who are in greatest need.

Your support to St. Vincent de Paul helps these ministries continue their good work, both in their own neighborhoods and throughout the Miami Valley.

St. Henry's St. Vincent de Paul Conference shared the following story:

Amelia is an 85-year-old great grandmother raising her 10 and 12-year-old great grandchildren. When Amelia called our helpline, she and her great grandchildren were sleeping on the floor. They had lost all of their furniture to a bedbug infestation. A furniture donation was quickly arranged for this family. St. Henry's has kept in touch with the family since the request for beds. They are doing well, the kids are thriving in the care of their great grandmother.

When local neighbors call our helpline, emotions run high. There are tears of distress, sighs of relief, and profound expressions of gratitude. Your financial support provides physical protection and renewed hope to so many in need.

Please pray for our neighbors and know that we pray in thanksgiving for our supporters at every meeting and in personal devotions. Thank you for your generous hearts!



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Your donations of in-kind goods like clothing, furniture, and household items are prioritized for neighbors in need.

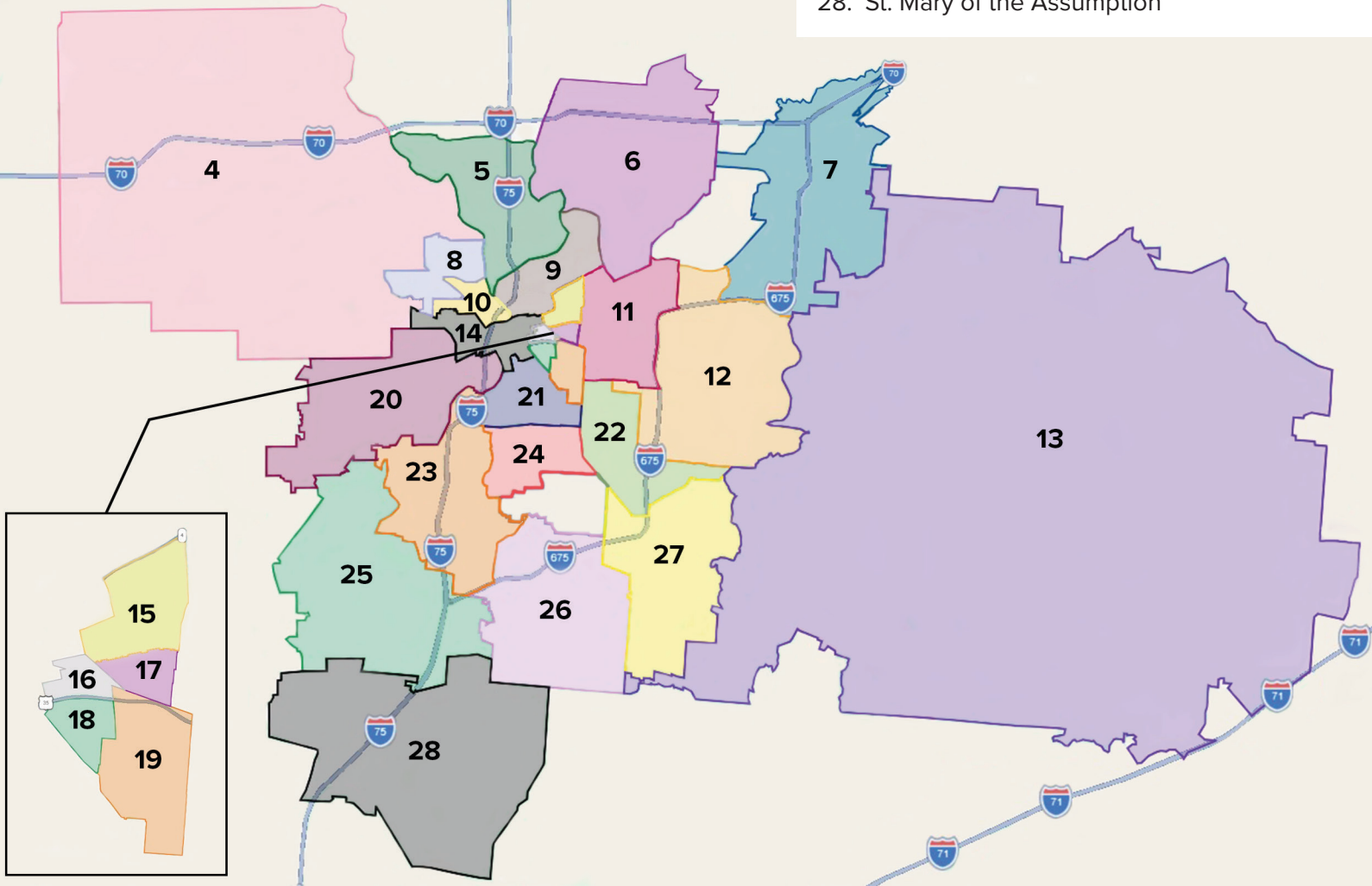
In 2025, 921 neighbors were helped with vouchers through Conferences and community agencies.

47,536 customers shopped with us. Every purchase empowers St. Vincent de Paul to serve neighbors in need through our many ministries.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton Conferences

- 573 Vincentians
- 28 Conferences
- 53,991 Hours of Service
- 33,734 personal visits
- \$2.6 million in financial and in-kind assistance
- 56,630 neighbors assisted

1. St. Michael/St. Peter & Paul
2. Holy Angels - Sidney
3. St. Patrick - Troy
4. St. Rita/St. Paul/Precious Blood
5. Queen of Martyrs
6. St. Peter
7. Mary, Help of Christians
8. Our Lady of Mercy
9. Our Lady of the Rosary
10. Corpus Christi
11. St. Helen
12. St. Luke
13. St. Brigid
14. Emmanuel
15. St. Helen/St. Mary
16. St. Mary/Emmanuel
17. St. Mary/St. Anthony
18. Holy Angels/St. Mary
19. St. Anthony
20. Urban Outreach Center
21. Holy Angels - Dayton
22. Ascension
23. St. Henry
24. St. Albert the Great
25. Our Lady of Good Hope
26. Incarnation
27. St. Francis of Assisi
28. St. Mary of the Assumption



From Struggle to Strength

Your kindness brought Deana hope and healing after years of struggle.

"I was struggling for food in my previous apartment," Deana said. She explained that, after surviving cancer, she had to leave her job. She lived off her disability income, and seemingly small expenses like toilet paper and tissues added up. "It was a really tough time."

Thanks to your compassionate support, Deana received love and support at St. Vincent de Paul when she lost her home.

"When I got to the shelter, I had a bed of my own. I had three meals a day. I had tissues," she said with gratitude. "People addressed me properly. They were respectful, loving, and kind. And they asked me if I needed anything."

But she became very ill after a few months at the shelter and had to go to the hospital. "I almost died," she reflected. "I thought it was time to make some changes in my life."

She began to spend more time in the shelter's chapel. "I went to taking my heart to God and praying and the next thing you know, it was just like a part of me had changed," she said. "I spent a lot of time struggling with self-love. I thought I was by myself, and then here comes Fr. Francis or Fr. Matt [the shelter chaplains]."

With their support and encouragement, she said, "My heart changed. I've grown closer to God." Her faith grew stronger, and she was baptized into the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil. "My faith has helped me not worry about things

so much. I was always determined to do things by myself. I have learned that whenever you give your problems to God, then you have already won the battle."

With renewed hope and faith, Deana continues to address her physical and mental health at the Five Rivers Health Clinic inside the shelter. "Dr. Keltner, bless his heart. He is such a good doctor. He really looks after everyone here as best as he can. He checks in on me," she said.

She is also on a long waitlist for housing. "I started out 47th on the list, now I am 27th," she said. "But it is good news to have a place!"

While she looks forward to moving on to a new apartment soon, she reflects on her time at the shelter. "I thank God for the shelter, because it counts where it matters most," she said. "I've met beautiful people here. St. Vincent de Paul is doing pretty doggone good!"

Thank you for changing lives like Deana's with your compassionate support!



Deana, pictured top right, was baptized during the Easter Vigil. In the bottom right picture, she joyfully holds her baptismal candle after finding a spiritual home within the Catholic Church.



John Malas
Dayton District Council President

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Robert Forschner,
Community Board President

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“I am happy with where I am, what I’m doing, and with the support that we’re getting. I feel safe.”

– Todd, Supportive Housing
Ministries Resident