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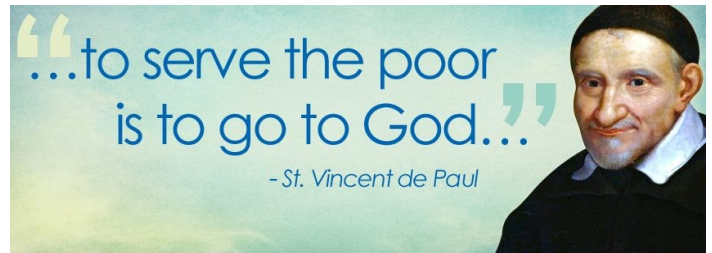
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Letter from the President
- Walk for the Poor
- Auggie says goodbye
- Thanksgiving Give Away

Vinnie's Hope

St Vincent de Paul of the Twin Cities has been a key distribution partner in an exceptional program to distribute perishable foods, donated by Super Valu, Costco, Michael Foods, Gold'n Plump, J&B Group and other organizations. Over these 14 years, millions of pounds of fruits and vegetables, dairy and meats were supplied to families that would not otherwise have had access to fresh wholesome foods.

We distribute foods to 20 non-profits operating food shelves and other charitable food programs. We have increased capacity, added refrigerated trucking, cold storage and warehouse personnel and have continued to grow throughout the years. Vinnie's Hope is a successful and sustainable ministry. We believe our success is the result of a clear and unwavering focus on our mission to serve the poor.



This Thanksgiving we gave away 8,568 cans each of green beans, peas and corn. These were just one piece of our 4,500 Thanksgiving Packages this year. Collaborating with "Good in the Hood", a longtime food partner, we acted as fiscal agents for Union Gospel Mission in the distribution of these packages in Minneapolis. Families at Risen Christ School received one, along with families at Incarnation and Holy Rosary Churches plus over 20 other ministries. Each package included a \$10.00 gift card for Wal-Mart for the purchase of their choice of meat. It is easier to move gift cards than turkeys. Even so, we delivered turkeys as well.

On Tuesday November 14, we provided 500 actual turkeys to North Minneapolis residents. In partnership with the Minneapolis Police and the Cub Foods on West Broadway, another 1,000 families received packages with supplies to make a Thanksgiving Dinner at home. All told, in the week leading up to Thanksgiving, our Food Bank processed close to 500,000 lbs. of food, feeding over 20,000 individuals.

You can directly help improve the lives of many families. Your contributions help sustain Vinnie's Hope and work to reduce poverty in our community. 100% of your contribution stays in the Twin cities.



Bike Cops for Kids at the North Minneapolis Turkey Giveaway



Volunteers packing bags for Thanksgiving.



Legacy of Hope

Our Legacy of Hope

This program offers an opportunity for people to have an impact in their communities today and beyond their lifetimes by helping St Vincent's improve the lives of the poor and the suffering.

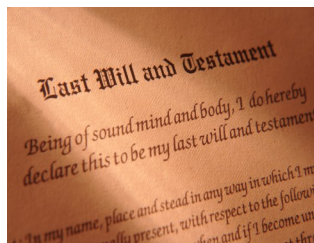
The Legacy program includes a variety of ways for people to provide immediate and future assistance. Donations we receive today are used to promptly help people who are living in crisis with little hope for change. Your legacy gift to St. Vincent de Paul can help us meet the future needs by restoring hope to those in crisis.

Memorial Giving

Recognize a deceased loved one by making a gift in his/her honor. If you include the address with your donation, a special acknowl-

edgement will be sent to the family recognizing the gift.

You might also consider making a gift in honor of a birthday, wedding, or other special event.



Giving in Your Will or Trust

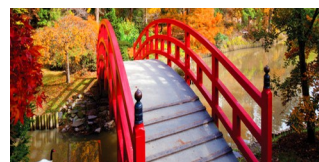
Consider including St Vincent de Paul in your estate plans. By making a bequest in your will, you ensure that St Vincent's can continue its mission to offer person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Your attorney can help you include SVDP in your

will or trust.

Donating Stock and/or Mutual Fund Shares

Donating Stock or Mutual Funds may provide tax benefits to donors and can help ensure the sustainability of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit 501-c-3 organization. Your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

To make a gift of stock to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact our Executive Director, Ed Koerner, at 612-860-4560 or via email at eeckoerner@svdpmpls.org



Congratulations, Auggie!



Shown: Auggie with Gail Koskela



We would like to personally congratulate

Agustin Ortega Perez (Auggie) on his retirement from St. Vincent de Paul. We enjoyed working with you during your time here,

and we consider you not only a valuable asset to our company but an enjoyable presence in the building, as well.

While you will be missed by all of us at Vinnie's, you certainly deserve your retirement. Your hard work and diligence have greatly

benefited us. It has always been our pleasure to work with you. So, while we are saddened to see you go, we are excited to see what the Lord will have you doing in this next season of life.

A special thanks to Nancy Goalen who helped Auggie throughout this process.



Walk for the Poor

Walk for the Poor - Over 100 participated!



Letter from the President

We see and hear little on the news about it, but the demand for food in the Twin Cities continues to grow. This demand for food exceeds what we can provide with our current resources. Under-resourced food shelves are reaching out to us for immediate help with food, clothing, and hygiene products. Please know that we are counting on your gift to help us provide food to families in need.

Your gift of \$5 will provide 15 meals to our neighbors in need. That means that your gift of \$50 can provide 150 meals. God has entrusted us to provide food for those in need and we need your help. We are

counting on your gift to help us provide food to families in need.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to keep our programs running. We also now have the ability to take shares of stock as donations. 100% of your donation will stay in the Twin Cities Area. Your contribution will help to sustain SVDP programs that reduce poverty and hunger in our community.

Seize this opportunity you have right now to help meet the need of those that hunger. With your help, we can end the year strong and change lives for eternity!

May God bless you for your compassion. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift, or donate online at <http://www.svdpmpls.org/financialdonations.html>.

Pat Kaiser – President, Archdiocesan Council, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

— Proverbs 22:9



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OUR GOALS

- Promote greater spiritual growth at every level of the Society
- Enhance the image of the Society to become a more visible sign of Christ
- Encourage greater unity at every level of the Society
- Develop greater solidarity with and care for people who are poor
- Build strengthened relationships with the Church, Vincentian Family, and other organizations which serve people in need

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