

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Theresa's Conference and give Christ your greatest gift

### TIME



**I am willing to give Christ my time  
by serving my neighbors in need.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in helping with:**

- Home visitations
- Delivery of food  
(In some conferences furniture also)
- Helping at the Distribution Center
- Helping in the SSVP Food Bank
- Phone Dispatching
- Other (Please specify)

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Please drop your completed form in the  
Sunday Collection basket or at the Parish  
Office during Office hours.

### ***"I wish I could help"***

Have you said these words to yourself? Whatever your age, whatever your skills – you can!

With as little as 2 – 3 hours per month, you can make a difference in someone's life.

### WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

As with many volunteer organizations, members often say they get more out of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul than they put in through the friends they make and the relationships they build up with the people they visit.

There is also the satisfaction from knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of another person or family in a practical way.

### TRAINING

Information packages are available to every new member. It is our policy to always visit in pairs, male and female whenever possible. Your first home visit will be with an experienced member. At our monthly meetings a significant amount of time is devoted to case discussions so that we can learn from one another.

# SSVP

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### ST. THERESA'S CONFERENCE

For assistance, please call  
780-471-5577 and leave a message.  
You will be contacted as soon as possible.



**OUR GOAL IS TO BRING THE LOVE  
AND PEACE OF CHRIST TO ALL  
BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE IN NEED.**

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## **WHAT IS THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL:**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization. The mission of its members, called Vincentians, is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, without regards to race or religion.

Vincentians give of themselves – their concern, their friendship, their time, their talents, their treasure to help those in need.

Vincentians do not attempt to preach, convert or attach any conditions to their aid.

The Society cooperates with other organizations and community agencies to achieve its aims.

Great care is taken to preserve the dignity of the person helped, always maintaining the confidentiality of the client.

The society observes the spirit of poverty. It holds in trust what it receives from its donors, and gives as the need arises.

*The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping those less fortunate.*

*With essential care and guidance, struggling families and individuals can build self-confidence and positive opportunity*

## **THE MISSION OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL IMPLIES THAT AS VINCENTIANS WE:**

- See Christ in anyone who suffers
- Come together as a family
- Have personal contact with the poor
- Help in all possible ways

## **WHAT ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN NEED:**

The following is a list of assistance that is available:

- Food
- Clothing
- Furniture  
(In some conferences)
- Spiritual and moral support
- Training and job creation opportunities
- Financial Assistance  
(A request for financial assistance is evaluated and if approved, the Society will make partial payments to the appropriate agency for rent, damage deposits, utilities and other expenses.)



## **OTHER NEEDS IN A FAMILY THAT THE SOCIETY CAN ASSIST WITH ARE:**

- Illness
- Loneliness
- Desertion
- Alcoholism
- Low self-esteem
- Violence

## **HOW CAN ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL:**

Membership in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is open to everyone. There are no special skills required, other than a Christian interest in helping people who are in need.

Due to the nature of work that the Society is involved in, a Criminal Record check is done of potential members.

## **WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT:**

Your time commitment to the Society's work would be 2-3 hours per month to attend a meeting and visit the families in your local area that have been assigned to you and your partner.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm in one of the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church, 7508 – 29 Avenue.

You are most welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings of the Society prior to making a commitment to joining us.