



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL™

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## Need knows no boundaries.

Fortunately, neither does the hope brought to neighbors in need throughout the country by Vincentian volunteers in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Vincentians visit in the home to give assistance with food, rent, utilities, and other basic needs. We provide individual resources for our neighbors to gain employment, get out of predatory loans, and otherwise assist them on the road to more permanent self-reliance. **We don't provide transactions; we create and nurture relationships.**

Through it all, Vincentians see the face of Christ in those they serve. They put their faith into action through meeting and praying together, developing their own spirituality through service and formation activities. This report is just a snapshot of this work for the 2019 fiscal year as reported from thousands of Vincentian Conferences across our country.

Thank you for your reading, and for your financial support, prayer and hopefully active participation throughout the year. Together we bring Hope and God's love to so many around us.

## OUR MISSION

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

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## OUR VISION

End Poverty Through Systemic Change

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## OUR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

Spirituality, Friendship, and Service

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## 12.5 MILLION HOURS

Volunteer Service

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## \$1,172,408,426

2019 Total Value of Vincentian Services

### National Council of the U.S., Consolidated Financial Information

\$8,328,951

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE

\$8,149,013

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$6,888,583

NET ASSETS

\*Does Not Include Local Council & Conference Financial Information



# 2,071,614 VISITS WITH PEOPLE IN POVERTY



577,542  
Home  
Visits



99,782  
Eldercare  
Visits



12,046  
Prison  
Visits



27,576  
Hospital  
Visits



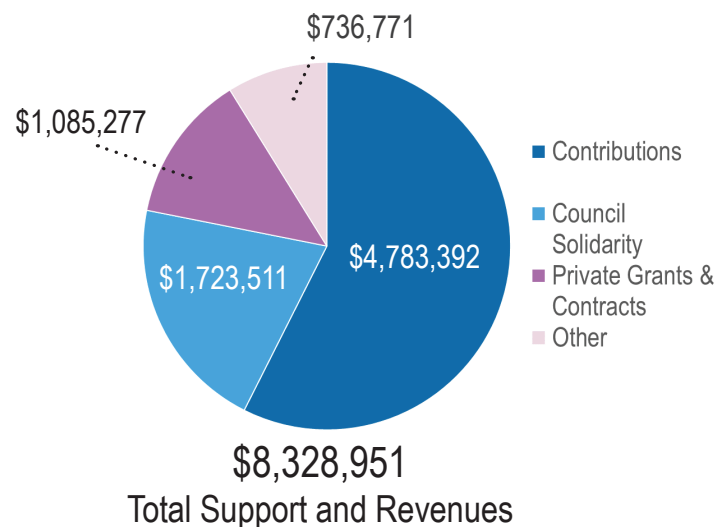
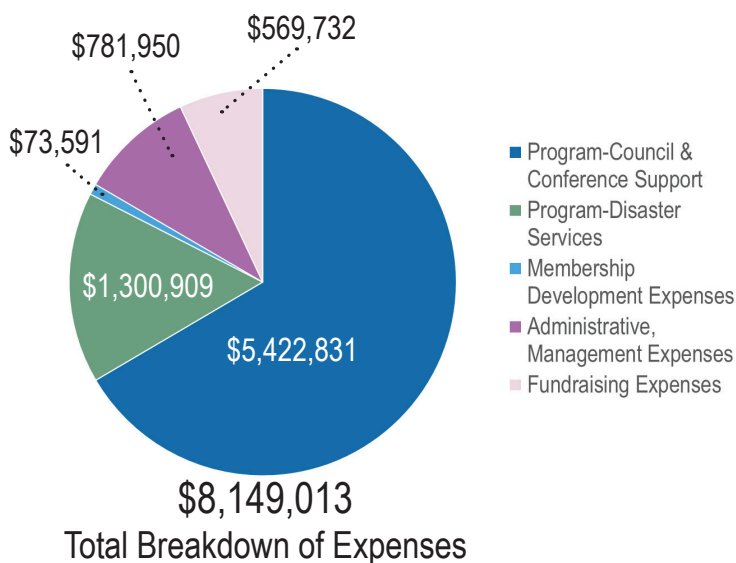
577,542  
Other  
Visits

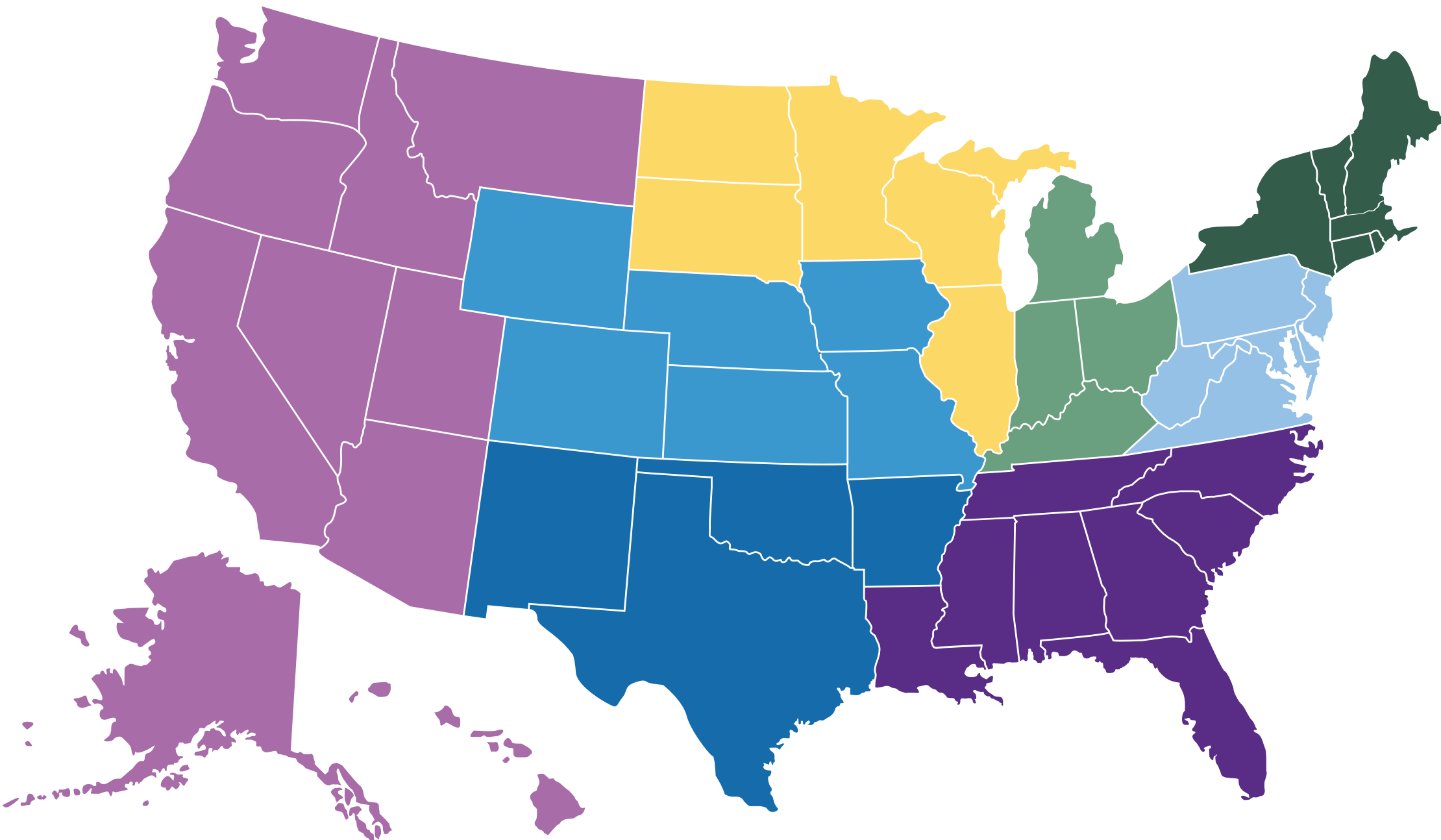


3,152,173  
Additional  
Services  
Provided



## 5,223,787 NEIGHBORS SERVED IN 2019





# THE SOCIETY'S UNIQUE STRUCTURE

An **(Arch)Diocesan Council** unites the District Councils, providing liaison and communication links between them and the National Council. The designation of Arch or Diocesan is determined by the Diocese or Archdiocese that oversees the Council.

A **District Council** may embrace all the Conferences in an entire town, city or county; it may conform to the deanery or vicariate boundaries of the Catholic diocese; or it may represent neighborhoods or sections of a large metropolitan area. District Councils evolved as a means to keep individual Conferences in communication with each other and united in spirit.

The **Conference** is the basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and is where the strength of the Society lies. Conferences are parish-based groups of Vincentians who go out to help Friends In Need in their local communities.

## SVDP REGIONAL MAP

<div>NORTHEAST REGION</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 16</div> <div>District Councils: 40</div> <div>Conferences: 345</div>	<div>SOUTHEAST REGION</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 27</div> <div>District Councils: 64</div> <div>Conferences: 550</div>	<div>MIDWEST REGION</div> <div>(includes Belleville and Springfield, IL)</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 14</div> <div>District Councils: 24</div> <div>Conferences: 341</div>	<div>NORTH CENTRAL REGION</div> <div>(includes Marquette, MI)</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 18</div> <div>District Councils: 53</div> <div>Conferences: 520</div>
<div>EAST REGION</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 16</div> <div>District Councils: 38</div> <div>Conferences: 468</div>	<div>SOUTH CENTRAL REGION</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 19</div> <div>District Councils: 47</div> <div>Conferences: 355</div>	<div>MIDEAST REGION</div> <div>(does not include Marquette, MI)</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 21</div> <div>District Councils: 69</div> <div>Conferences: 811</div>	<div>WEST REGION</div> <div>(Arch)Diocesan Councils: 26</div> <div>District Councils: 68</div> <div>Conferences: 831</div>



“No work of charity is foreign to the Society.” – Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

## OUR CONTINUED IMPACT

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Since 1845, our founding activity, still practiced today, is the face-to-face Home Visit, in which Vincentian volunteers visit the homes of those they serve, to identify both immediate and longer-term needs, including emergency financial assistance for needs such as utilities, rent, food, or clothing.

The U.S. Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves those in need regardless of race, religion, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions. Together, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice.

Vincentians respond to the unique needs of their community, offering many services to help individuals journey out of poverty and lead healthier, more productive lives.

### IMMERSION & REENTRY

Citizens returning to society from incarceration often have only the clothes on their back. The IMMERSION™ program assists returning citizens with the resources and skills needed to succeed upon return to their community, reducing recidivism in the process.

We provide mentoring, job preparedness and training, transitional housing, and other resources including clothing and personal care items, helping the recently incarcerated prepare for the next part of their lives and return to their communities with a chance for success.

In addition, Voice of the Poor volunteers advocate to government leaders for fairness, including “ban the box” initiatives to remove felony convictions from employment application forms and better access to citizen rights, such as reapplying for drivers licenses.

### THRIFT STORES

Providing meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities, our 450 thrift stores are a significant driver of the Society's mission and effectiveness.

Local Conferences distribute clothing, furniture, and household goods to people in need through SVdP Stores vouchers, providing a dignified shopping experience. Profits from our stores contribute millions of dollars for Councils and Conferences to use in their communities.

In late 2019, we created a National Stores subsidiary to assist local stores with best practices, model policies, and training opportunities to improve performance and profitability – resulting in more resources and community investment. SVdP National Stores also opened a training store to showcase best practices and offer hands-on training.

### CHARITABLE PHARMACIES

A pervasive challenge among those we serve is poor health management, often exacerbated by lack of access to affordable prescription medications.

Some local Councils partner with the Dispensary of Hope, a Nashville-based wholesale charitable drug distributor, to expand the number of community-based charitable pharmacies nationally.

Operating in diverse communities, our nine pharmacies offer low- and no-cost prescription medication to low-income and uninsured individuals so they can manage their health conditions through consistent prescription medication use. With a long-term goal to establish a national network of community-based charitable pharmacies, the project utilizes a proven model with time-tested tools and resources.



## DISASTER SERVICES

Disasters do not discriminate, nor do we. The Disaster Services Corporation (DSC) helps those facing situational poverty resulting from natural and man-made disasters.

After first-responder agencies have departed, DSC addresses the long-term case management needs of individuals and families. DSC assists with sustained recovery through person-to-person support services, with Vincentians volunteering thousands of hours each year toward recovery efforts. Our House-in-a-Box™ Program provides dignity and a fresh start to families in crisis.

DSC provides logistical support, rapid response, long-term recovery grants, and other quality programs and services to SVdP Councils and Conferences, helping them support their local communities when impacted by disaster.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

When people discuss poverty, it's common to hear "Why don't they just get a job?" Vincentians understand how difficult it can be to find employment when you don't have a roof over your head, clean clothes to wear, or reliable transportation or childcare.

SVdP's Back2Work blends traditional workforce programming concepts with a modern learning model. The program provides training and work experience for those who are new to or have been out of the workforce.

Participants are matched with mentors and take weekly classes to continue developing skills necessary for finding and keeping employment. Back2Work offers an opportunity for a new career path, making it easier to enter the workforce and find long-term, meaningful employment.

## WELCOMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF VINCENTIANS



Young people are the future of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society was founded by college students, and youth and young adult involvement has been key ever since.

Young Vincentians strive to exemplify the Society's Essential Elements (personal holiness, service of the needy, and friendship) by helping Neighbors In Need. Youth Vincentians (sometimes referred to as Mini Vinnies) are elementary- and high school-aged, while individuals between the ages of 19 and 40 are considered Young Adult Vincentians. Nationally, there are 125 Youth and Young Adult SVdP Conferences.

Do you know young people in your family or your parish community who demonstrate compassion and mercy, and would be interested in spiritual growth and service? Share the Society's message and mission with them!

**The gifts we have,  
we are given to  
share.**

To learn how to donate your own time, talents, or treasures to the Society, visit [www.svdpusa.org/donate](http://www.svdpusa.org/donate)

## GROWING IN SPIRITUALITY

Vincentians witness personal, sometimes seemingly small triumphs, but they are also precious, holy, redemptive, and revolutionary moments in people's lives — and they add up. Serving the poor so personally is both a source of joy and a reminder of our common humanity. Vincentians know they are helping the poor, yet they themselves are deeply changed through this ministry.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to fostering a community in which we all look out for each other, in which we have faith in each other, as members of one family. An essential aspect of the Society is the belief in its mission by those whose support makes these labors of love possible. Vincentians consider that belief to be a sacred trust, one they strive to honor fully every day.

# OUR PRESENCE

**Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is a worldwide organization serving those in need. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the face-to-face Home Visit. In the Home Visit setting, Vincentian volunteers visit the homes of those they serve, to identify both immediate and longer-term needs, including emergency financial assistance, such as utilities, rent, food, and clothing.

Vincentians respond to their community's needs, offering programs such as, but not limited to, disaster relief services, job training and placement, thrift stores, food pantries, housing programs, prison reentry, medical services, and many others, as well as systemic programs — longer-term solutions that help individuals journey out of poverty and lead healthier, more productive lives.

The National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established to organize and represent local SVdP Conferences and Councils among the global Society's membership. Today, with nearly 100,000 members, SVdPUSA provides resources, training, and spiritual development for Vincentians throughout 4,428 local Conferences and 500 Councils.



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## 2018 – 2019

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