

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

**First** (and most importantly), pray for us, and for all our neighbors in need.

Everybody wants to help, but it is difficult to know where to begin.

St. Vincent de Paul once said that the poor suffer less from a lack of generosity than from a lack of organization.

Pray that we will find them, that we can help them, and that God will bless us in our works.

**Second**, please support our works with your donations.

It's important to remember that the poor don't only live in distant places. They live right next door.

You see them every day, whether you know it or not; on your street, in the grocery store, maybe sitting next to you at church.

**The poor look a lot like you and me.**

Please donate whatever your heart leads you to give and whatever your budget permits. Your gift directly supports neighbors in need in your community -- keeping the lights on, feeding a family, perhaps avoiding eviction.

**Third**, if you feel called, join us.

If you seek to live your faith through works, to "love God," as St. Vincent de Paul said, "with the strength of your arms..." , please consider joining us.

**We serve the poor in charity, but we are not an "agency."**

While financial assistance is important, it is even more important to serve personally, showing our neighbors that God has not abandoned them, even in their darkest hours. He wants to help, loving them so much that He sends us to serve, to comfort, and to pray with them.

Our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, taught that we should see the Face of Christ in those we serve. When they call, we answer; when they are in need, we help; not because they are "deserving," but because they are suffering; not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic; because whatever we do for the least of our brothers, we do for Christ Himself.