



# SERVING IN HOPE

A NEWSLETTERS FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NATIONAL COUNCIL

'TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.' — MATTHEW 25:40

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## HOMELESS AND AT THE END OF HOPE

### How You Helped Rita and Her Son Find Home

Rita had one wish: a safe, loving home for her son. But she faced one tragedy after another. First, the sudden loss of her son's father to cancer. Then, an unexpected layoff from work. When she sought the stability of a new relationship, she instead found herself in a toxic and potentially violent situation.

Rita was desperate.

She was forced into homelessness by overcrowded shelters and landlords who wouldn't accept her government-issued housing vouchers. Rita panicked that her son would be taken away if she could not find a permanent place to stay.

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Just when Rita thought all doors had closed, a glimmer of hope appeared. Your caring support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul allowed her to step into a food pantry one day and leave with more than a box of food. With your help, caring Vincentian Volunteers embraced Rita, offering a guiding hand, a listening ear, and the determination to find Rita and her son a home.

**Because of YOU, 90,000 dedicated Vincentian volunteers across our nation stand ready to**



*Thanks to donors like you, Vincentians helped Rita with the deposit on a new apartment, giving her and her son a fresh start.*

**embrace families like Rita's.** It's your generosity that equips them to step in when systems fail, ensuring no one is left out in the cold.

Your generosity and your commitment is a beacon of hope. You see it on the smile on Rita's face when she walked into her new home for the first time and from the joy in her son's eyes. **You are changing lives and making impossible dreams come true.**

# The easy, impactful way to help your neighbors in need

## When you become a monthly donor:

- You'll get less mail asking for donations.
- Your generosity will add up — making a huge difference not just in your area, but for neighbors in need across the country.
- You can sign up to give by credit/debit card, or electronic funds transfer, and your gifts will be charged automatically on the schedule you arrange.
- You'll support Vincentians as they meet face to face with neighbors in need.

Choose the amount you want to give each month and let your credit card do the rest! You'll feel good every time you think about the difference you're making.

Visit [svdpusa.org/donate](https://svdpusa.org/donate) or scan the QR code here. ▶



Thanks to donors like YOU, Vincentian volunteers were able to make this a Merry Christmas for thousands of neighbors in need across the country. From new toys to hot meals to warm memories, your generosity helped us bring light in the dark this winter. Thank you for your kindness, you are changing lives every day.



↑ "I remember when my family was helped and how much it meant to us, so I want to bring that same feeling of comfort to the ones we visit."  
— Andrew from Atlanta

"I am so blessed, and I appreciate everything St. Vincent does for me, you're like my biggest hope and I appreciate everything that y'all do for me."  
— Taylor in Philadelphia ↓



↑ "St. Vincent de Paul believed in me, they prepared me to succeed. I've taken those blessings and I've gone into my community, and I've tried to bring about that change in others."  
— Chris in Phoenix

"The more I help people, the closer I feel to God, and I had no idea that would be the gift from joining St. Vincent de Paul."  
— Jenna, a Vincentian in St. Louis ↓

