

Lifting Voices, Changing Lives Together

Everyone deserves a voice – especially those who have nobody to speak for them.

At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the biggest way that voice is provided is by simply showing up. Every day, our 81,000 Vincentians are in the living spaces of those who need a helping hand.

No other charitable organization has a person-to-person mission that reaches so many people. In a given year, Vincentians serve more than 5 million people and make 2 million visits to people in their homes, prisons, hospitals, elder care facilities and other places.

Who are we? We are your mothers and fathers as well as your brothers and sisters. We are retired men and women looking to give back. We are college students learning to give back. We are married. We are single. We are rich. We are poor. We have white collars and blue. We are of every race and ethnicity. We are Democrats and Republicans. We see the Gospel not just as words but as a command to love our neighbors.

We are simply Vincentians.

We don't care where you've been. We only care where you're going and what you need to get there. We follow the example of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, who at the tender age of 20, joined his friends in putting their faith into action by visiting the poor in their homes and offering what help they could. He discovered what we rediscover every day; that in giving to others, we receive even more and draw ever more closer to Christ.

Our work takes many forms. We pay electric bills when the monthly coffer is empty. We provide food, furniture and toys for children. We help those at a loss navigate the complicated social service system to get government aid that's available to those who have to know how to ask. We run thrift stores and homeless shelters. We assist those re-entering society after prison, and we provide home goods to those who have lost all in a natural disaster.

Mostly, at a time when so many people are saying no, Vincentians say an emphatic yes.

Steve Havemann, executive director of SVdP in Des Moines, Iowa, said yes when he and a fellow Vincentian visited a homeless veteran who had left incarceration and was living in a car wash. "We sat on a park bench and talked and brought him some food," Steve recalls. There was something about genuineness in his eyes. He was ready to make a change. Today, he works for us. He's clean; he's sober; and he's off the streets. He got his second chance and is making good on it."

Marchelia Hart of the conference in Georgetown, Texas, said yes when she discovered during an encounter that a young mother with three children was being sex-trafficked. Marchelia worked with the authorities to get the woman home to her grateful parents in Wisconsin and a fresh start. "You feel like you've made a real difference in someone's life and brought a broken family back together again," Marchelia says. "You've brought hope."

Charity is not enough, however. We also provide voice to the most vulnerable by advocating for them in the halls of Congress, in state legislatures, and at city halls where life altering decisions are made every day that affect those we serve. We know that poverty is often the result of broken systems and short-sighted policies like a lack of affordable housing; minimum

wages that can't sustain a family; a health care system that leaves people behind; gaps in education and so much more. We simply cannot ignore policy if we want lasting change and improvements in people's lives.

That's why we have opened an advocacy office in Washington D.C. Our Washington, D.C. office is simply our same mission widened: a nonpartisan voice for the disenfranchised and the marginalized.

The world has changed since Blessed Frédéric's work began in 1833, but the problems of the poor remain. From living rooms to hearing rooms, we will keep showing up no matter the challenges. That is our promise. We will be the hand that helps, the voice that roars, and the advocate who won't look away until hope is not the exception -- but the expectation-- for every neighbor.

Join us by adding your prayers and voice to ours. Together, let's watch what God can do.

2023/2024 National Council Fiscal Year in Review

People





National Council Expenses by Function	FY 2022/2023	FY 2023/2024
Council & Conference Assistance	\$(5,398,603)	\$(5,366,871)
Disaster Assistance	\$(923,726)	\$(708,408)
Membership Development	\$(198,179)	\$(355,554)
Management & General	\$(1,287,910)	\$(1,604,259)
Fundraising	\$(1,289,133)	\$(1,737,045)
Total Expenses by Function	\$(9,097,551)	\$(9,772,137)
Addition to (Use of Reserve Funds)	\$1,809,581	\$(495,246)



1,999,884 Visits to Neighbors in Need

\$2,286,944,138 Total Value of Vincentian Services

Spirituality. Friendship. Service. We are the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. Our volunteer members — known as Vincentians — are women and men who are compelled by our Catholic Christian faith to serve those who are needy and suffering.

From rental assistance and homelessness prevention, to thrift stores and food pantries, to disaster recovery and charitable pharmacies, we share our time, talent, and treasure with those who need help and hope. We believe EVERYONE deserves a fair chance at a bright future regardless of income or life circumstances.



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