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## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2008 Fact Sheet**

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- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) serves the less fortunate in Cincinnati & Hamilton County.
- SVDP fosters hope by providing spiritual, emotional and financial assistance on a person-to-person basis to the poor, lonely and forgotten in our community.
- SVDP has more than 800 volunteers working in parish-based conferences in Cincinnati & Hamilton County neighborhoods.
- ***In 2008, the Cincinnati Council of St. Vincent de Paul received the Torch Award, recognizing workplace ethics.***
- ***In 2005, the Cincinnati Council of St. Vincent de Paul, was named “Non-Profit of the Year” by the CincinnatiUSA Regional Chamber of Commerce, recognizing excellence in business and commitment to helping neighbors in need.***
  
- In 2008, contributed volunteer hours totaled 68,467, including:
  - Neighborhood volunteer groups (56 of 58 reporting):* 819 members equaling 50,306 hours
  - Bank Street Pantry:* 27 regular volunteers equaling 3,265 hours
  - Stores/other:* 14,896 volunteer hours
  
- In 2008, SVDP helped more than 81,000 people through its programs.
  - Parish-based Volunteer Groups (56 of 58 reporting)* – helped 48,729 people & made 7,791 home visits
  - Social Services* – helped 15,179 people (including 373 home visits for furniture)
  - Food Pantry* – helped 14,620 people
  - Charitable Pharmacy* – helped 774 people (11,836 visits); filled 18,562 prescriptions valued at \$1.8 million
  - Other drives & events resulted in* an additional 1,789 people helped
  - Operation Bootstrap* – job readiness program, 45 graduates
  
- In 2008, SVDP’s other ongoing programs helped thousands of people.
  - Thrift Stores* – six locations in Greater Cincinnati provide low-cost & no-cost goods
  - Donate-A-Car* – proceeds from donated cars help those in need
  
- In 2008, SVDP partnered with media and corporate sponsors for the following programs.
  - Channel 9 Fan Drive resulted in 510 fans and 70 air conditioners collected and distributed
  - Channel 5 Cares Coat Drive: 5,352 coats collected
  - Carns Coats for Kids provided new winter coats for: 700 children
  - Kroger & Fox 19 Food From The Heart collected 190.5 barrels or 66,675 pounds of food.
  - Macy’s Mattress & Furniture Drive: 15 furniture donations
  - Many other partners conducted drives for SVDP, including the Cincinnati Reds, Metro, Toyota, Harte-Hanks, Gold Star, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, TriCounty Mall, Papa Johns, TriHealth, Fire Departments, and South Western College
  
- In 2008, Holiday Programs made a difference in the lives of 6,117 local families (2,375 at Thanksgiving; 3,742 at Christmas):
  - Families that had a Thanksgiving dinner because of SVDP neighborhood volunteers: 1611 families.
  - Families who had a better Christmas because of SVDP neighborhood volunteers: 2515 families.
  - Bank Street Adopt-A-family program provided necessities and gifts for: 237 families, 649 people.
  - Bank Street Christmas Angel Toy Program provided Christmas toys for: 140 families, 404 children (242 children participated in crafts, and stocking stuffers for 710 children were distributed in conjunction with the Christmas food pantry).
  - St. Xavier Baskets provided food for: Bank St: 129 families, 550 people  
Winton Hills: 100 families, 340 people
  - Shop with the Bengals: 7 players shopped with and purchased gifts for 55 children
  - Christmas Wish List with Sacred Heart Church provided Christmas toys for: 64 families, 122 children.

- Winton Hills Toy Program (St. Vivian/St. Bart) provided Christmas gifts for: 57 families, 131 children.
  - Bank Street Pantry provided: Food for a Thanksgiving meal for 704 families, 2114 people; Christmas food to 425 families, 1275 people.
  - Winton Hills program provided: Food for a Christmas meal for 60 families. Thanksgiving food to 60 families.
- SVDP's board of directors is a diverse group of men and women dedicated to serving the needs of the local community.

SVDP vital information;

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- To give to St. Vincent de Paul, call 513-421-CARE (2273).

