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Society of St. Vincent de Paul NATIONAL Fact Sheet

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 in Paris, France, by Frederic Ozanam to personally assist those in need.
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a presence in 142 countries and on 5 continents with over 690,000 members.
- In the United States, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has 115,000 volunteer members.
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the largest Catholic lay organization serving people in need, regardless of race or creed, in the United States.
- In 2006, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assisted 20 million people in need in the United States alone, totaling aid equivalent to nearly \$500 million dollars.
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need. Some of the programs and services offered in the United States include:
 - person-to-person assistance through home visits
 - visitation and assistance to the elderly, sick and disabled
 - disaster relief
 - thrift stores that provide or sell gently-used goods
 - pantries that provide food for individuals and families in need
 - emergency shelters & housing assistance
 - education & job assistance programs
 - youth programs
 - pharmacies providing prescription drugs at no cost
- The United States headquarters of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in St. Louis, Missouri.
- For more information about The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States, go to www.svdpusa.org.

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