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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUGGESTS WAYS TO USE TAX REBATE CHECKS; HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

CINCINNATI, OH – May 13, 2008 -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers three suggestions for spending tax rebate checks that will help spur the local economy, while helping our local neighbors in need.

- Donate a portion of the rebate to St. Vincent de Paul to help a neighbor in need -- \$125 feeds three families for one week
- Buy needed items at one of six St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, which is a low-cost way to purchase furniture, household items and clothes, while proceeds support local neighbors in need
- If buying a new television or new furniture, donate your used TV or furniture that's in good condition to St. Vincent de Paul -- call 513-421-CARE to schedule a pick-up; tax receipts are provided.

“The recent increases in gas and food prices are causing many families who live on the brink of poverty to start a very dangerous downward decline in their financial stability,” said Liz Carter, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. “For many of the families we help, a little extra support on a rent payment or utility bill and some additional food can make a huge difference for them, which is why we’re asking residents to consider sharing their resources in these tough times,” she explained.

For more information about St. Vincent de Paul, call 513-562-8841 or go to www.svdpcincinnati.org. St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of gently-used clothing, household items, furniture and cars year-round at their six thrift store locations. Call 513-421-CARE (2273) to schedule a pick-up of furniture or vehicles.

About St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has been helping Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County residents in need with the basic necessities of life for nearly 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and financial gaps in their lives through home visits provided by neighborhood-based volunteer groups, and groundbreaking initiatives like the Charitable Pharmacy. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to be a leading community service organization, recently recognized by The CincinnatiUSA Regional Chamber of Commerce as Non-Profit of the Year. For more information, go to www.svdpcincinnati.org.

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