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## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS WAITING LIST OF MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE IN NEED OF AIR CONDITIONERS**

*As Summer Heats Up, Agency Receiving More Than 50 Calls A  
Day For Fans, Air Conditioners*

CINCINNATI, OH – July 18, 2008 -- As more families face tough times, St. Vincent de Paul is experiencing a much higher volume of calls from local residents needing relief from the heat. The current waiting list for window air conditioners is 100 people long, and social workers at the SVDP West End and satellite Winton Terrace locations are receiving more than 50 calls a day.

St. Vincent de Paul, in cooperation with WCPO-TV Channel 9, Coney Island, Huntington Bank and Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48, conducts the annual fan and air conditioner drive to help local families in need.

Greater Cincinnati residents can help by donating a fan, new window air conditioner or providing a monetary donation to support the annual fan drive.

“The needs are growing significantly this year due to a variety of economic factors, referrals from other agencies and the recent funding cuts to the Ohio Home Energy Assistance Program – more and more people are turning to St. Vincent de Paul for help,” said Liz Carter, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. “Senior citizens, newborns and children with asthma are among those who have the greatest need for heat relief – we’re relying on the community’s support to meet their needs,” she added.

Monetary donations are being accepted at all Huntington Bank branch locations throughout Greater Cincinnati through August 10, 2008. All donors making contributions at Huntington Banks will receive 20% discount

coupons good at any of the six Hamilton County St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores.

Fans and air conditioners may also be dropped off now through August 10, 2008 at any of the six St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores in Hamilton County & five thrift stores in Northern Kentucky. The donated fans & air

conditioners are distributed through St. Vincent de Paul's neighborhood volunteer groups, the West End headquarters and other outlets.

For SVDP thrift store locations in Hamilton County, more information about the SVDP Fan Drive, or other ways to donate, contact St. Vincent de Paul at 513-562-8841, ext. #225, or visit [www.SVDPcincinnati.org](http://www.SVDPcincinnati.org). For SVDP

thrift store locations in Northern Kentucky, contact the District Council of Covington at 859-341-3212.

### ***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](http://www.svdpcincinnati.org).

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