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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FAN DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL: NEARLY 650 PEOPLE HELPED WITH FANS & AIR CONDITIONERS

CINCINNATI, OH – September 5, 2008 - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP), in cooperation with WCPO-TV Channel 9, Huntington Bank, Coney Island, Papa John's Pizza and Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48, recently concluded their annual summer fan drive. Thanks to the generosity of the community at large, St. Vincent de Paul distributed 521 fans and 108 air conditioners to those in need throughout the summer through its neighborhood parish organizations, West End ministry center, and a variety of other social service organizations.

The fan drive kicked off at Coney Island on June 13 with a goal to collect 500 fans and 75 air conditioners. St. Vincent de Paul's thrift stores and Coney Island acted as drop off sites for fan & air conditioner collection. Monetary donations were also collected at Huntington Banks to purchase fans and air conditioners as needed, and Papa John's Pizza conducted an all-day pizza drive on July 10, donating \$1 for every pizza sold that day.

"For a second year, we had a waiting list due to the extensive need in the community. There continue to be a significant number of elderly, the very young & people with health issues that are helped as result of the effort," said Liz Carter, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul.

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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