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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING HELP FROM
COMMUNITY TO ENSURE 2,200 HAMILTON COUNTY
FAMILIES RECEIVE FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER**

*Financial Contributions and Donations of Non-Perishable Foods
Are Desperately Needed*

CINCINNATI, OH –November 18, 2008 – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will distribute Thanksgiving food packages to 2,200 needy families throughout Hamilton County prior to Thanksgiving. A gift of \$ 25 is enough to provide a Thanksgiving dinner package for a family of four. Canned good donations are also needed. Volunteers will distribute the packages through St. Vincent de Paul food pantries in suburbs throughout Greater Cincinnati, or by delivering the meals directly to the homes of those being helped. Because St. Vincent de Paul’s assistance emphasizes the importance of family, groceries are distributed so families can cook and share a Thanksgiving meal in their own homes.

“The current economic conditions are taking a toll. We are seeing people who have never asked for help before – people being affected by job layoffs and pay-cuts”, noted Liz Carter, St. Vincent de Paul Executive Director.

Food donations can be made at St. Vincent de Paul’s Edyth and Carl Lindner Choice Food Pantry, 1125 Bank Street in the West End. Financial contributions can be sent to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1125 Bank Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214, or can be made online at www.SVDPcincinnati.org. For additional information, please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 513-562-8841, ext. 225.

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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 Better Business Bureau (BBB) as a Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics winner and 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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