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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES ANNOUNCE CONVENIENT “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” WEEKENDS IN MARCH

*Need Continues To Increase; Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Are Sought*

CINCINNATI, OH – February 20, 2010– The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in March to collect critically needed household items, furniture and clothing. A SVDP truck will be on-site Saturdays and Sundays at the following parishes:

March 5 & 6: St. Joseph, North Bend

March 13 & 14: St. Rose, East End

March 20 & 21: Assumption, Mt. Healthy; St. John Neumann, Forest Park; St. Bernard, Taylor Creek; St. Mary,

Aurora, Indiana

The collection truck will be attended before and after church services for donor-convenience, and donor tax receipts will be available.

Donations collected from the “Clean Out and Donate” Weekends are distributed in the surrounding communities through St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. SVDP clients receive vouchers to select items they need free of charge from SVDP thrift stores. Bargain hunters who purchase items at SVDP thrift

stores help to support the organization's mission. "Donating gently used furniture and household items go a long way in helping our local neighbors in need. The economic downturn has created a record need for these items," noted Liz Carter, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers personally visit needy families and offer assistance, regardless of race or religious affiliation. St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture and cars year-round. Free pick-up service is available for large items. Call 513-421-CARE (2273) to arrange a pick up, or donations may be dropped off at any of the six Cincinnati area thrift stores. Tax receipts are available for donated items. For more information on donating or for a list of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, go to <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/>.

#### 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 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and material 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](http://www.SVDPCincinnati.org).

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