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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been assisting Cincinnati residents-in-need for 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 neighborhood-based ministries. Last year, staff and volunteers helped more than 80,000 people throughout Hamilton County and Greater Cincinnati through ongoing programs that provide emergency assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, furniture and companionship. In addition to personal assistance, the Society's programs include the Bank Street Food Pantry, Operation Bootstrap job readiness program, thrift stores providing low-cost and free goods to those in need and other social services. In 2006, a charitable pharmacy was added.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's ministry extends into dozens of neighborhoods and touches thousands of lives each year:

- 58 Neighborhoods with an active St. Vincent de Paul group.
- 819 St. Vincent de Paul volunteer members.
- Over 81,000 Times care was provided to someone in need in 2008.
- 68,467 Volunteer hours devoted to helping those in need.
- 14,620 People served through the Bank Street Food Pantry in 2008.
- 15,179 People helped at the Society's social services office in the West End.
- 774 People (11,836 visits) given free medication (18,562 prescriptions) valued at \$1.8 million dollars distributed by the Charitable Pharmacy.

Providing person-to-person care throughout the region.

Part of an international organization, the Cincinnati Council of St. Vincent de Paul raises money and creates programs targeting the specific needs of local residents while drawing on the experiences of other councils throughout the country. Sister councils operate in surrounding counties in Northern Kentucky and Ohio. Whenever appropriate, these councils work cooperatively to better help people in need. Supporting the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, six thrift stores are operated throughout the city along with a food pantry, job readiness program, and social services office in the West End and Winton Hills, two of the city's most impoverished neighborhoods.

Through home visits and other hands-on outreach, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are deeply committed to caring for the people in their neighborhoods.

In 2005, the Cincinnati Council of St. Vincent de Paul, was named "Non-Profit of the Year" by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce, recognizing excellence in business and for our commitment to helping neighbors in need.

In 2008, the Cincinnati Council of St. Vincent de Paul received the BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics.

Key Spokespeople

- Liz Carter, *executive director*
- Bart Kohler, *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

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