Dear Friends,

Thank you for another successful year in which we provided critical assistance to neighbors who found themselves in the wake of a crisis. Families come to us when they have nowhere else to go. At a crossroads, they turn to us and find a path back to solid ground. Thanks to your generous support, we can provide assistance in the various ways that we do.

We witness this incredible generosity throughout the year, but it is intensified in the fourth quarter when we receive over 50% of our charitable gifts.

Starting in 2017, to better anticipate our annual needs and to align with our National Office, we have adjusted our fiscal year to begin with what was our fourth quarter and will now operate on an October 1 – September 30 fiscal calendar. We transitioned to the new calendar on October 1 of 2017. This annual report reflects nine months: January 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017.

We are proud of the work represented in this nine month annual report. You’ll share in that pride as you consider all the ways your support impacts families throughout Greater Cincinnati.

As you read this report and learn about the families you have helped, consider all the families who are still careening on a downward spiral. Together with your help, we will assist those families until they are back on solid ground. There are many positive ways we affect people’s lives and we cannot wait to continue to do so with you.

P.S. There are many families still living on the margins. Help us assist those families to ensure they move in an Upward Spiral.

Mike Dunn, Executive Director
Dan Long, Cincinnati District Council President
Programs and Drives

Fiscal period January 1–September 30, 2017

**Services**

**Pharmacy**
The Charitable Pharmacy filled 39,609 prescriptions valued at $5.6 million dollars.

**Homelessness Prevention**
From January 1 - September 30, 2017, 5,258 families throughout Hamilton County received $1,008,834 in rent and utility assistance to keep them safely in their homes.

**Food Assistance**
St. Vincent de Paul provided food for 32,653 people through 11 Conference (parish-based) food pantries, the Edyth and Carl Lindner Choice Food Pantry at the Liz Carter Outreach Center, and other sources.

**Clothing, Household Items, and Furniture**
Neighbors received $577,534 in merchandise through vouchers redeemed at our seven Greater Cincinnati thrift stores.

**Beds**
1,094 neighbors received vouchers for beds through the Bob and Sylvia Rahe Mattress Fund.

**Reentry**
Between January 1 and September 30, 2017, the Reentry Program delivered three Dismas Journey presentations to 71 participants and partnered with the HELP Program to place 124 returning citizens in temporary employment, 103 of whom were actively employed at the end of the fiscal period.

**Birth Certificates and State IDs**
St. Vincent de Paul provided vouchers for 700 birth certificates and 1,098 State IDs for neighbors who had lost theirs due to unstable living conditions and other factors.

**Bus Passes**
St. Vincent de Paul provided 10,800 bus passes allowing neighbors to get to job interviews, to and from work, or receive medical care.
Your support turns a house into a home

Arlisa’s world turned upside down when she brought her great-niece and great-nephew into her home. She had just settled into her empty nest when she took on the incredible task of caring for then 3-year-old Alayla and 1-year-old Alvin.

“It changed my life,” she said. “When the children came it was like okay, what am I going to do? How am I going to do this?”

With her own children grown, Arlisa’s home was not set up for her new family. Friends and family helped with food and clothing but Alvin and Alayla had to sleep in Arlisa’s bed and didn’t have any furniture.

With St. Vincent de Paul’s help, both children received a bed of their own. Arlisa says they brushed their teeth and put their pajamas on early the night their beds arrived: they were so excited to sleep in their own beds!

Arlisa says raising two young children has its challenges, but she wouldn’t have it any other way. She knows how important it is for them to grow up in a safe environment where they know they are loved and where they will have the ability to thrive. And she is grateful that St. Vincent de Paul has helped make that possible.
**Prescription Fore Fun Charitable Golf Outing**

Nearly $44,500 was raised supporting the Charitable Pharmacy: enough to provide $356,000 in prescription medicine.

Thank you to our title sponsor: iHeartMedia Cincinnati.

**A Day to Dream**

52 children received a bed of their own at the inaugural “A Day To Dream” event at the Reds Youth Academy. Each child received a twin sized bed complete with a mattress, box spring, bed frame, and bedding.

Special thanks to Morris Furniture Company who donates a percentage of every mattress sale to St. Vincent de Paul through the “Kids Dream Too!” program.

**Fans/AC**

Over 550 fans and 350 air conditioners were collected and distributed to neighbors who struggle to stay safe and healthy in the summer heat.

Thank you to our sponsors: WCPO – 9 On Your Side, Huntington Bank, and Braun Heating & Air Conditioning.

**Strike Out Hunger Food Drive**

Reds fans donated 9,000 pounds of food, equaling 6,000 meals for neighbors in need.

Thank you to our sponsors: Cincinnati Reds, 700 WLW, and WLWT.

**Drives**

**Catholic Schools Week**

During Catholic Schools Week, January 30 – February 3, 2017, 11 area Catholic Schools held drives to provide food, personal care items, and clothing to their neighbors in need.

Thank you to Elder High School, St. Gertrude School, St. Ignatius School, St. John XXIII Consolidated School, St. John Paul II Catholic School, McAuley High School, Moeller High School, Notre Dame High School, Roger Bacon High School, St. Susanna School, and St. Vivian School.

**Vincentian Volunteers of Cincinnati year of service**

St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati offers young adults an opportunity to explore their faith and engage in service through Vincentian Volunteers of Cincinnati (VVC), a faith-based, year-long residential service program.

From January 1 – September 30, 2017, 13 VVC members completed over 7,700 hours of service at St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati.

To learn more about Vincentian Volunteers of Cincinnati, visit SVDPcincinnati.org/VVC or contact Maura Carpinello, Director of Service Learning, at (513) 562-8841, ext. 239 or VVC@SVDPcincinnati.org.

**Ozanam Center for Service Learning**

The Ozanam Center offers immersion experiences, retreats, trainings, and more to raise awareness, encourage mutual
Maria escaped war and abuse to find peace in Cincinnati

“I didn’t come to the USA for the American dream; I came to find peace and freedom,” Maria says, reflecting on what took her some 3,000 miles from her home in El Salvador to Cincinnati where she lives today. These words by Maria are just the tip of the iceberg for her courageous life.

Maria left El Salvador, running from war and landed in the U.S. just to face an abusive husband. She had to start over again and again. Then, in 2011, she was diagnosed with diabetes. Unable to pay for her medication, she began to fear what could happen. “I was scared; I didn’t want to lose an arm or my eyesight.”

Maria was referred to St. Vincent de Paul’s Charitable Pharmacy through the Good Samaritan Free Health Center in East Price Hill. Despite a distrust of doctors and pharmacists, Maria found comfort at St. Vincent de Paul. She quickly began to see positive results as she finally had access to medicine and advice. She now takes her medicine regularly and lives a healthy lifestyle; she is even helping her family to change their diets to be healthier.

As she described her experience with St. Vincent de Paul, Maria was brought to tears. “These are not tears of sadness; these are tears of happiness. I survived. My diabetes is not scaring me anymore.”
In-depth service: here’s what it’s like

Neighbors helping neighbors is certainly more than a tagline here at St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati. With 945 Vincentians (parish-based volunteers) serving in 57 Conferences, person-to-person service is a hallmark of St. Vincent de Paul’s programs.

It’s that person-to-person relationship that makes stories like Judy’s and Steve’s so special and yet, around here, so commonplace.

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Judy and Steve decided to join the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Guardian Angels in Mt. Washington after a course at church called for them to get more involved, particularly helping where they saw a need. Since their first meeting, they have helped countless families in their own neighborhood. They could spend hours telling stories of people they’ve helped and ways they have been changed because of it. One story that particularly stood out was Eric’s.

Judy says Eric did not have a phone, so a friend had to call on his behalf to request help. When Judy and Steve visited Eric, they learned that he had Multiple Sclerosis which was progressing very rapidly. He had problems with mobility and was confined to a chair. He had lost his job and his wife had left him.

“The only thing he was really asking for was a better chair so he could get up easier,” Judy said, amazed.

“We just listened,” she said. “He wasn’t bitter; he wasn’t angry.” Judy and Steve were surprised by his disposition and very concerned for someone in such bad condition without a way to reach out for help.

They searched for a chair at the Mt. Washington Thrift Store and worked with him, getting him other assistance. “We went on to do a lot of different things to try to assist him,” Judy says. She even called the Multiple Sclerosis Society to get him connected with as many resources as possible.

Despite the help they were able to provide, Judy reflects that they received so much more. “It was a life-changing event for me seeing this young man who literally had everything just wiped away from his life; his wife, his job, and there he was sitting,” she says. “And he wasn’t bitter or angry or upset.”

Judy says at the end of their meeting, she asked him to pray for her, that she can have the same positive attitude about life. She has added him to her prayer list and she continues to pray for him every day.
You can help; give your time, talent and treasure

Give your time
Whatever your age, interests, or background, there is a place for you to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul. Contact Erin Cusick, Volunteer Coordinator, (513) 562-8841, ext. 211 or ecusick@SVDPcincinnati.org.

Give financial support
St. Vincent de Paul relies almost exclusively on the generosity of private individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations for support. Contact Holly End, Director of Development, at hend@SVDPcincinnati.org, visit SVDPcincinnati.org/give or call (513) 421-HOPE (4673).

Make a planned gift
Ensure the work of St. Vincent de Paul continues in future generations by making a planned gift now. Contact Claire Luby, Development Manager, at (513) 562-8841, ext. 259 or cluby@SVDPcincinnati.org.

Give goods or a vehicle
Donate clothing, furniture, household items, and even a vehicle to help neighbors in need. Call (513) 421-CARE (2273) to schedule a pick-up or find a donation location near you. A full list of store locations can be found on page 7.

Host a drive
Collecting food, personal care items, clothing, and other necessities is a fun, easy way to work with your friends, family, or co-workers to help your neighbors in need. Contact Patricia Dawson, Communications Coordinator, at (513) 562-8841, ext. 013 or pdawson@SVDPcincinnati.org.

Conferences

St. Vincent de Paul has a network of 945 Vincentsians (parish-based volunteers) who provide person-to-person assistance to struggling families through 57 Conferences.

Cincinnati District Council conferences

All Saints
Annunciation
Assumption
Bellemine Chapel
Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains / St. Xavier
Church of the Resurrection
Corpus Christi / St. John Neumann
Good Shepherd
Guardian Angels
Holy Family
Holy Trinity, Norwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Little Flower
Nativity of our Lord
Our Lady of Lourdes
Our Lady of the Rosary / St. Matthias
Our Lady of the Visitation
Our Lady of Victory
Our Lord Christ the King
Resurrection of Our Lord
San Carlos
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
St. Ann
St. Antoninus
St. Bartholomew
St. Bernard, Spring Grove Village
St. Bernard, Taylor Creek
St. Boniface
St. Catharine of Sienna
St. Cecilia
St. Clare
St. Clement
St. Dominic
St. Elizabeth
St. Gabriel
St. Gertrude
St. Ignatius Loyola
St. James of the Valley, Wyoming
St. James the Greater, White Oak
St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge
St. John the Baptist, Harrison
St. John the Evangelist, Deer Park
St. Joseph, North Bend
St. Joseph, West End
St. Jude
St. Lawrence
St. Margaret Mary
St. Margaret of Cortona / St. John Vianney
St. Martin of Tours
St. Mary, Aurora, IN
St. Mary, Hyde Park
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Pius Food Pantry
St. Saviour
St. Teresa of Avila
St. Vivian
St. William
Sts. Peter & Paul

Mount Notre Dame High School
Roger Bacon High School
St. Xavier High School

For more information about joining a Conference, contact Steve Crowe, Conferences Manager, at (513) 562-8841, ext. 234 or scrowe@SVDPcincinnati.org
Donors

This report reflects all activity during the 2017 fiscal period between January 1 – September 30, 2017. If you donated after that period, you will be recognized in the 2018 annual report.

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Statement of Activities
Fiscal Period 2017 (January 1–September 30, 2017)

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support

Contributions & legal bequests $6,339,136
Donated food & other goods 10,924,446
Stores 7,973,159
Investment gain 411,026
Auto & other 395,955

Total revenue, gains & other support $26,043,722

Expenses

Program services

Assistance to neighbors in need 3,132,297
Food pantries 1,255,594
Furniture, clothing, & other goods 15,792,731

Total program services $20,180,622

Car donation program 362,489

Supporting services

Management & general 530,471
Fundraising 600,275

Total supporting services $1,130,746

Total expenses $21,673,857

Change in net assets 4,369,865
Net assets, beginning of year 24,326,032
Net assets at end of year $28,695,897

Sources of Support

- Contributions & legal bequests 24%
- Donated food & other goods 42%
- Stores 31%
- Investment gain 2%
- Auto & other 2%

Uses of Support

- Assistance to neighbors in need 14%
- Food pantries 6%
- Furniture, clothing, & other goods 73%
- Car donation program 2%
- Management & general 2%
- Fundraising 3%
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• **5,258 families** with emergency assistance to stay in their homes
• **1,094 bed vouchers** for neighbors who didn’t have a bed to sleep on at night
• **$577,534** in clothing, furniture, and household items
• **39,609 prescriptions** to keep our neighbors alive and well...

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