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## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO KICK OFF FAN & A/C DISTRIBUTION TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

*Annual initiative begins Monday, May 2 with fan distribution event*

**CINCINNATI, APRIL 28, 2022** – St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati (SVDP) will begin distributing fans to neighbors, at no cost, starting Monday, May 2, 2022 as it kicks off its Fan & A/C Distribution, presented by Braun Heating and Air Conditioning.

Box fans will be available beginning at 4:30pm on Monday, May 2 at the Neyer Outreach Center (1146 Bank St.), on a first-come, first-served basis. The distribution will last until 6:30pm or until supply runs out. **Members of the media are invited to attend to gather video or photography of the fan distribution process. SVDP staff will be available onsite for interviews.**

For neighbors who cannot attend Monday's distribution event, fans will be available starting Friday, May 6 on a walk-up basis during normal operating hours at the Neyer Outreach Center. (Normal operating hours are 8am-4pm Monday-Friday and 8am-noon on Saturdays.)

To be eligible to receive a fan, neighbors must: live in Hamilton County, bring a photo ID, and have not received a fan from SVDP last year.

### **A/C Distribution**

Each summer, SVDP also distributes a limited number of A/C units to the elderly or those with a medical need (including families with children who have a medical need). Applications to receive an A/C unit will be open starting Monday, May 2, 2022 at [SVDPcincinnati.org/AC](http://SVDPcincinnati.org/AC). Neighbors must complete the online application to be eligible to receive an A/C unit this summer. The distribution event on May 2 is for fans only (no A/C units will be distributed).

There is a limit of one A/C unit per household, and those who have received an A/C unit from SVDP in the past 4 years will not be eligible to receive an A/C unit in 2022. Neighbors whose requests are approved will receive an appointment time to pick up their A/C unit.

### **Keep Cool, Cincy!**

As SVDP prepares for the sweltering heat of summer to arrive, it is turning to the community for support of this initiative.

“Last summer, we helped a record number of families through this initiative, distributing 897 box fans and 731 air conditioning units,” says Mike Dunn, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati. “We expect the need for this type of assistance to be great again this summer, as many neighbors face rising housing prices and greater costs for transportation and consumer goods.”

A donation of \$18 can provide a fan and \$120 can provide an A/C unit to family in need by giving at [KeepCoolCincy.com](http://KeepCoolCincy.com).

### **About St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati**

For more than 150 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has compassionately cared for neighbors in need throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County. More than 1,200 neighborhood-based volunteers provide personal, emergency assistance for needs such as food, clothing, rent and utilities, prescription medications and much more. The heart of our mission is to bridge the spiritual, emotional and material gaps in peoples’ lives and to serve with dignity and respect. St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati is one of hundreds of St. Vincent de Paul District Councils established throughout the United States. For more information about our mission, outreach and services, visit [SVDPcincinnati.org](http://SVDPcincinnati.org).

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