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## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION**

*Mike Dunn to step down on December 31, 2022*

**CINCINNATI – July 13, 2022** – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cincinnati District Council (SVDP) announced today that Mike Dunn, Executive Director, will be stepping down from his position on December 31, 2022, to pursue another professional opportunity. Dunn has served as the SVDP Executive Director since June 2015.

“There is never a great time to step away from such a wonderful organization, but as SVDP begins to make preparations for its new strategic plan to be implemented on October 1, 2023, I thought this window of time was best for such a move both for the organization, as well as for the new Executive Director who succeeds me. SVDP has made such a significant positive impact on my life, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I have had over these last seven plus years,” said Mike Dunn, SVDP Executive Director.

Some of the notable accomplishments during Dunn’s tenure include:

- Creation and execution of a five-year strategic plan, Upward Together, which was highlighted by the successful completion of the \$12 MM Upward Spiral Comprehensive Campaign and the opening of the 36,000 square foot Don & Phyllis Neyer Outreach Center in November 2019, and the establishment of the Ed and Joann Hubert Family Conference Assistance Fund
- Growth of the organization’s annual total revenue from \$23 MM in 2014 to \$45 MM annual total revenue through 2021, partly through the renovation and expansion of its seven thrift stores and the opening of an eighth location, the Outlet Store
- The Deaconess Health Check / SVDP Charitable Pharmacy has doubled its annual prescription volume from 35,000 to over 70,000, added a second location in Western Hills in 2016 and is in the development stages of a third location in Milford. The Charitable Pharmacy further expanded its services by hiring its first ever nurse practitioner.
- Accessibility to food assistance has increased for neighbors from just 9.5 hours per week to 44 hours per week with the opening of The Becky and Ted Catino Choice Food Pantry. A network of 12 parish-based pantries has also been coordinated and supported, allowing for greater access to food throughout Hamilton County.

- SVDP's Outreach Service Programs (Fan and AC Distributions, Coat Distributions, Holiday Food Distributions, Holiday Toy Distributions) have all assisted record numbers of neighbors
- The Becky Catino Women's Stability, Employment, and Empowerment Program was established earlier this year
- SVDP's Vincentian (parish-based volunteers) membership base has grown by over 200 members up to nearly 1,200

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank Mike for his excellent leadership since he arrived. SVDP has grown tremendously under Mike's leadership and is serving our community in ways that we are all very proud of. He has shown us that SVDP cannot rest on our strong 153-year track record of serving neighbors in need, but that we always must evolve and improve to better meet our neighbors' needs. He has positioned us exceedingly well for our next chapter of service to this community," said Alison Zlatic, SVDP President.

A committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors and a SVDP staff member has been formed to conduct a national search for SVDP's next Executive Director. Local executive search firm, Gilman Partners, will facilitate the search. The search committee plans to hire the new Executive Director by November to allow for overlap with Dunn to support a seamless transition.

Any questions regarding this transition should be directed to Alison Zlatic, SVDP President at [alisonzlatic@gmail.com](mailto:alisonzlatic@gmail.com).



**Photo caption:**

Mike Dunn, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati District Council will be stepping down from his position on December 31, 2022.

**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 serving throughout the United States. For more information about our mission, outreach and services, visit [SVDPcincinnati.org](http://SVDPcincinnati.org).

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