



**Conference News and Notes**  
**for Wednesday, February 8, 2023**  
**Sent to all Vincentians & Staff**

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***Vincentian Reflection for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***February 12, 2023***

**Gospel: (Matthew 5: 17-37)** Jesus said to his disciples: *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come, not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. Of this much I assure you: until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law, not the smallest part of a letter, shall be done away with until it all comes true. ... Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God. I tell you, unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.”*

**Reflection:** Holiness demands that we live who we are...our identity and mission cannot be separated. “Doing” who we are - choosing to let our identity express itself in mission - is lived out in feeding the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and clothing the naked. The Bible in all its parts calls us relentlessly for action on behalf of others. This is a staggering demand, bigger than any individual, and so it is truly a corporate mission undertaken by the community of disciples working together. (*Living Liturgy*, p.5p)

**Vincentian Meditation:** Every Christian at every moment is called to holiness. Make no mistake about it. You are proclaiming a message at every moment of the day, even when you are not speaking. Your message must be authentic. It will be so, if you are authentic. Your authenticity as a Christian comes from your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man. Often ask your self: “Could Jesus Christ share what I am going to say or what I am going to do?” If you can reply yes, then you are authentic. Holiness can be summed up in the words of Micah (Mi6:8): “God has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p.555)

**In our Conference, how are we “doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God?”**  
**How could we do so *more fully*, which is not necessarily “do more”?**

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***Your Formation and Training Opportunities & Tips***

**Last Call! Our Ozanam Orientation** is scheduled for **next Saturday, 2/18, 9am - 3pm, at Good Shepherd** in Montgomery/Symmes Township! We strongly encourage all new - and seasoned - Vincentians to invest a few hours to reflect more deeply upon our shared Vincentian identity, better understand some of the tools available for our encounters with neighbors, and have an opportunity to better strengthen relationships with others around our district. It is required of all members to be taken at least once, and particular insights have been added to better understand how we live out our Vincentian life in this Cincinnati district. **To sign-up, please [follow this link here](#)**, or reach out directly to Chris Kelley to register.

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**Please join us for a New Workshop!**  
**Growing our Conferences through Communication**

Designed to help you and your fellow Conference members invite others into the work of helping our neighbors, this workshop will help you to develop skills and processes to confidently invite parishioners into membership with the Conference, local community

members to offer resources for neighbors in need, and welcome people to contribute to the work of the Conference as you strive to meet neighbors' needs, while growing in faith and friendship.

***We encourage every Family of Conferences to have at least one member present – any Vincentian is always welcome.*** This workshop will take place on **Tuesday, February 28, 6 - 8pm, at St. James of the Valley (Wyoming).**

To sign up for this new workshop, presented jointly by your External Relations and Conferences Support teams, [please use this link for our signup genius](#) or reach out to Chris Kelley directly to register.

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Chris Kelley, our Formation and Service Learning Director, can be reached at 513.345.1767 or [ckelley@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:ckelley@svdpcincinnati.org) .

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### ***Special Mass & Reception Commemorated the Feast of Bl. Rosalie Rendu***



**We hosted a special Mass in our NOC Chapel yesterday, on the Feast of Bl. Rosalie Rendu.** This intimate gathering of Vincentians, friends of SVDP, volunteers, and staff was presided by Fr John Langlois, O.P. who shared a wonderful sermon celebrating one of the great examples of the Vincentian vocation: a woman who fully dedicated her life to serving those in the greatest of need, as she saw Christ present in all around her. She continues to inspire us each day in our efforts of care, engagement, and ministry to our neighbors in need, as well as to one another. Mass was followed by the Bl. Rosalie Rendu Fondue, featuring friendship and delicious homemade food, nourishing both body and soul.



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**Voice of the Poor**  
**Resource Spotlight this coming Wednesday, 2/15**

Voice of the Poor will host our next **Resource Spotlight, via Zoom, on Wed, 2/15, @ 11am**, on the topic of **Landlord and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities**. We know many of our neighbors - and likely many of our members, staff, & volunteers attempting to assist them - hunger for better understanding of their role as renters. Did you know that many of our neighbors are renting on a month-to-month tenancy? Do you know what this means to the renter? We'll address this with an info-rich presentation, followed by Q & A and an explanation of Housing Vouchers. And you can conveniently participate from home.

Click on this link when you are ready to join this Zoom gathering on Wed, 2/15:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83809863182?pwd=WExLWW9ZMkJDMTBhWDJUM2R4TzIUUT09>

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**Beacons of Light Progress**

On January 24, the Feast of St Francis de Sales, patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Archbishop Schnurr publicly released a letter to all of us re *Beacons of Light*. You are encouraged to find this letter and other *Beacons* resources, including the February 2023 *Beacons of Light* Parish Vitality 6 Month Report, by exploring at this link:

[Beacons of Light](#) .

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**Love in Action** - Families of Parishes will be communities of charity and justice, serving those most in need and working to change systems that oppress and marginalize. The *Beacons of Light* Pathway Planning process includes a parishioner-based Love in Action Transitional Team. **Opportunity**: this team is likely forming in your Family - and your Vincentian vocation is all about Love in Action. How is your Conference connecting with fellow ministries committed to Love in Action?

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Our Conference Presidents and our Conferences Support team are currently preparing to meet with each of the 24 pastors of Families of Parishes within our District Council's Hamilton County footprint. Our goal is to further nurture our collaboration in *Beacons of Light* in each of the respective Families. We are quite encouraged and pleased as Conference Presidents are sharing positive developments of friendship & faith shared among Conferences within their Family. And some intra-Family Conferences are partnering with material and people resources in service. We most certainly anticipate that these pastors will voice their appreciation and support for **your good works of faith in action, engaging our neighbors experiencing need with respect, dignity, & hope. You are radiating Christ, recognizing Christ, and representing our Catholic Church in these interactions. Yes, you are evangelizing!**

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Do you have *Beacons of Light* progress to share from your Conference & Family of Parishes? We'd love to hear and share in this *Conference News and Notes* each week. You might just inspire others as we seize this opportunity to advance how we live our Vincentian vocation, engage our neighbors, transform our community, and evolve our Archdiocese. Please contact Tom Roberts at [troberts@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:troberts@svdpcincinnati.org) or 513.345.4910.

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### **Safeguarding**

We recently shared an introduction to how our Council will embrace our Archdiocese's Safeguarding commitment. Last week's Frederic's E-Gazette featured a letter from current SVDP-National President Ralph Middlecamp exhorting us all on this commitment/responsibility/duty to the well-being of vulnerable people. In case you missed it, it is as close as this link:

<https://ssvpusa.org/vincentians/02-02-2023-servant-leader/> .

Please watch for more info on the efforts our Council is investing to make this as easy for you - and impactful - as possible.

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### **Our Becky Catino Women's Stability, Employment, and Empowerment Program is Currently Looking for Volunteers!**

The first volunteer position is as a Targeted Mentor. Targeted Mentors meet with participants in the program individually to assist participants in needed growth areas. We currently are looking for a mentor in the space of marketing, radio, and broadcasting. While this is our current need, if you have a specialty and would like to mentor a woman one on one, we would be glad to welcome you.

The second need is for a volunteer licensed in the State of Ohio to practice law who can assist in filing for expungement or Certificate of Qualified Employment (CQE) with enough hours to cover one woman.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities please contact Tara at [catino@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:catino@svdpcincinnati.org) .

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### **Winter Coat Vouchers - February is our Final Month This Season**

Any Hamilton County resident who has not yet received a coat from St. Vincent de Paul is welcome to come to our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC, 1146 Bank St) to request a coat voucher. These vouchers can be redeemed at our Clothing and Home Resource Center (CHRC, in our Liz Carter Center across the street, 1125 Bank St) or any of our 7 SVDP-Cincinnati thrift stores (our Outlet Store on Chickering Avenue excluded). Neighbors must have a photo ID for themselves and any other member of their household for whom they request a coat. Our Winter Coat Vouchers are normally good for thirty days after the day they're written. **The last day to redeem coat vouchers will be Tuesday, February 28. We are continuing to write vouchers during February, but all February vouchers have a 2/28/2023 expiration date.**

Vincentians may request a coat on behalf of their neighbor using the following process:

- Check for eligibility in CMS. Neighbors are eligible to receive one coat per household member per winter (from either a voucher or a distribution event). Previous coat assistance is listed in CMS under Programs – Coats through Liz Carter.
- Email Erin at [enowak@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:enowak@svdpcincinnati.org) to request a voucher. Please include:
  1. The name and date of birth of each household member who will be receiving a coat (including the head of household)
  2. Where the voucher should be sent (the address of either the neighbor or the Conference member who will be delivering the voucher)
- Please ensure that the neighbor is aware they will need some form of ID for each person listed on their voucher. Acceptable forms of ID are listed below, as well as on the voucher itself:
  1. Driver's license or other photo ID (including VESTA card, MARC ID, or work photo ID); or

2. Social Security card; or
  3. Birth certificate; or
  4. Medical/Insurance card; or
  5. Lease agreement with household members listed
- Our Outreach Center Programs team at the NOC will take care of writing and mailing out the voucher, as well as entering the assistance in CMS.

**Please note: Erin returns to her office today (Wed, 2/8) and will be issuing coat vouchers for requests received this past week. Thanks for your patience.**

**We have shared a record number of coats with our neighbors this season. Simply put: we could not accomplish this together without so many donations of coats and caps and scarves and gloves and mittens. We are still eagerly and thankfully accepting donations of these items which will supply these voucher redemptions and provide a start for our winter coats assistance next fall. Huge thanks to all who have donated, have hosted drives, and continue to attract coats.**

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### ***CMS Tips, Tricks, & Transformations***

CMS is accessible from your web browser, using <https://cincinnati.cmssvdp.org> and nothing else.

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Please utilize the collection of training videos at our [CMS Support Resources](#) page, which includes introduction & how-to instruction on CMS 4.1, the latest advance in user-friendliness implemented last month. Empower your CMS utilization!

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Does your Conference need any CMS follow-up training? Want to refine your CMS skills & learn tips to utilize CMS more efficiently and effectively? Ready to embrace & implement CMS if you are a member of the final 6 of our Conferences who are yet to deploy this powerful tool? If so, arrangements can be made by contacting John Wessel @ 513.562.1823 or via email, [jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org).

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### ***Free Income Tax Preparation Services Available***

It is tax filing season. And for many of our neighbors feeling the financial squeeze, a tax refund is at least a short-term solution within their reach...sometimes with a little help. **Free Tax Prep**, an initiative of United Way of Greater Cincinnati funded by the IRS, provides free (federal & state) income tax preparation and filing services for low to moderate income neighbors residing in our Greater Cincinnati area. These same services are available to neighbors on fixed incomes, neighbors with disabilities, and those with limited English language abilities. To learn more, explore United Way's webpage by clicking [here](#), or calling United Way of Greater Cincinnati's 211 helpline or 513.762.7900. Please also note that United Way is seeking volunteers to help provide this service. More information about volunteering is available at this link to their [website](#) page.

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### ***Upcoming Changes to SNAP Benefits: Anticipating Impact Upon our Neighbors - and our Food Assistance (repeated from last week due to relevance & anticipated impact)***

During the COVID pandemic, neighbors receiving SNAP benefits had those benefits loaded onto their cards twice a month, subsidized by COVID funding. This emergency provision is about to expire. [Beginning in March 2023 - this coming month](#), neighbors will only receive the amount of their first benefit. For many, this will be a significant (huge) reduction in SNAP benefits. This comes at a time when our food pantries network is already experiencing far greater demand relative to prior quarter or prior year. Please share this information with neighbors and help them plan for the reduction of benefits. Click [here](#) for a flyer with additional resources.

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***Lent is Fast Approaching***



Fat Tuesday is 2/21, leading us into Ash Wednesday on 2/22, as we solemnly prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday, 4/9. Our Vincentian vocation offers us so many Lenten opportunities to connect with the suffering Christ, help carry the cross, and share the hope that is our Risen Lord.

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## *More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors*

### **Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)**

#### **Our January activity:**

- You submitted **206** fresh applications
- We approved **192** applications; **4** were declined and **3** withdrawn

#### **Our February activity (1 week in):**

- We've received **48** fresh applications
- We've approved **46** applications; **2** have been declined and **2** withdrawn
- We currently have **25** applications in process

We expected heavy volume in January - and we got it. Approximately \$85,400 in CAF assistance was extended to these 192 neighbor families/households. And this first week of February was similarly active.

You can check on the status of CAF applications you have submitted by going to the Member Support and Forms page of our SVDP-Cincinnati website and clicking on CAF Application Status, or use this link:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoibjQyZDg5NmMtNWQ1ZC00OTAyLWlwYmUtZTA2NGMwZmZmNmZiliwidCI6ImY2NWUwODUxLTYxM2QtNDEzNS05ZTE2LWUwOWFkYThjMDY2YiJ9> .

This resource is reserved for Vincentian members only; access to this resource can not be shared with neighbors, landlords, etc, under any circumstances.

**In mid-October, our Council temporarily augmented our original FY2023 CAF budget provision of \$60,000 per month. Our Council subsidized \$80,000 per month for October, November, & December, 2022, and January, 2023. So, with carryover, we have February (a shorter month) provisions of approximately \$75,400.**

**Please note:** We can extend this Council subsidy plus any (welcomed and encouraged) twinning to CAF from fellow Conferences. If your Conference is currently blessed with funds exceeding 2-3 months of your normal operating outflow, please know that we have fellow Conferences in search of funds to invest in lifting neighbors right now. Please contact Tom Roberts, 513.345.4910 or [troberts@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:troberts@svdpcincinnati.org) , for more info or to twin.

**We continue to encourage you to guide our neighbors to other publicly- & privately-funded resources available within our community...and to nurture relationships that extend well beyond immediate basic needs (material) assistance to provide lasting impact. Budgeting can be an eye-opening exercise that leads to changes to create a sustainable, livable new monthly model. How will our neighbor pay their rent, utilities, and other bills in the months to come?**

### **Publicly-Funded Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA 2)**

ERA 2, funded through the City of Cincinnati, was available for qualified/eligible tenant neighbors who reside within the City of Cincinnati. The City's funding was committed to us only through December, 2022. We (Conferences) processed and approved **132** ERA 2 applications (of 139 submitted) which resulted in **\$398,488** in assistance to our neighbors. Huge thanks to those Conferences and Vincentians who submitted ERA 2 applications...and to Olivia, Alec, Mary Reid, and our Finance team for turning these applications into assistance extended to our neighbors.

**No new news yet. We will share any new developments as they present themselves.**

### **Rahe Beds Fund & Program**

We are currently processing your February bed requests (up to 6 per Conference) submitted by Monday, 2/6. We will let you know if we can accept any more February requests. Reminder: Our online request form can be found [here](#) .

Our new twin & full bed models should be considerably easier to pick-up and transport or deliver. We are optimistic that this will result in a higher redemption rate of the vouchers we issue, which means more of our neighbors having the beds we aspire to provide.

If your Conference is considering **purchasing** beds to extend as assistance, you can get info, including current pricing, or purchase by contacting Dave Chidlow, Stores Retail

Resource Manager, at [dchidlow@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:dchidlow@svdpcincinnati.org) or 513.853.1002. Your purchased beds will be picked up at our CHRC within our Liz Carter Center. **Please be aware that the bed pricing has changed with our new bed vendor.**

**A limited number of cribs are available for neighbors with children younger than two. They can be requested by emailing [rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org) with the neighbor's name, date of birth, and address.**

### **Metro Bus Passes (Everybody Rides Metro)**

Your Conference has access to Metro single-day bus passes to be extended to neighbors for use for any of 3 defined purposes:

1. Commute to/from new employment
2. Commute to/from our Bank St services hub or other community social services
3. Commute to/from medical appointments

Please understand that these passes are sourced through the Everybody Rides Metro program and our Council is required to comply with the above-referenced usages and submit reports of passes distributed. Please also understand that your Conference will need to record bus passes extended in CMS for the neighbors receiving this assistance. Our Bus Pass Guidelines sheet for Conferences is available to you on the Members Support page of our website <https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/conferences-members/member-support/>

or use this link to go directly to this document:

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Bus-Tickets-Policy.pdf>

If your Conference wants to learn more about this program or request passes, please contact Alec Jewell, Conferences Manager, at [ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org) or 513.345.4983.

### **Our Re-Entry Program**

Our Re-Entry Program Manager, Dion Crockett, is eager to work with you to assist neighbors you are serving who have been affected by the criminal justice system. **If you would like to host Dion at a Conference meeting, get together with him in another way, or discuss a particular situation, Dion can be reached at 513.562.8851 or [dcrockett@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:dcrockett@svdpcincinnati.org).**

### **Cooking Improv with La Soupe**

Our partner La Soupe teams with our Catino Choice Pantry to present monthly Cooking Improv demonstrations in the Teaching Kitchen at our NOC. Instructors from La Soupe and volunteers engage participants on basic cooking principles and how to use what you have to create delicious, nutritious meals. **All recipes are based off ingredients found daily in our Catino Choice Pantry. Neighbors are encouraged to sample the delicious dishes and discuss preparation and ingredients with our staff, volunteers, and resident La Soupe instructor, Chef Mona!**

These sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month - which means **our next event is Wednesday, 3/1, 11am-1pm**. No pre-registration is required.

Feel free to share this information with your neighbors, or if you're interested in getting involved in our Teaching Kitchen programming, please reach out to Demi Schoenherr at [dschoenherr@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:dschoenherr@svdpcincinnati.org) for more information.

### **Haircuts from the Heart in our NOC - Please note service frequency enhancement!**

This is a free haircut program, courtesy of our partner Franciscan Ministries. As started this month, **stylist Margarita will be in our NOC every Monday, 9am-noon**, cutting hair in a room on the 2nd floor. Neighbors are accepted on a walk-in basis, and should sign in at our NOC reception desk upon arrival.

### **Education Center Within Our Neyer Outreach Center**

Our NOC Education Center is available for our neighbors and Vincentians to use during our operating hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, and Saturday, 8am - noon.

### **Language Service Available to our Conferences**

A growing number of our Conferences are experiencing increased interactions with Latino members of our community...and are struggling to effectively communicate with neighbors who are most fluent or exclusively fluent in Spanish. We have contracted a dedicated language service to help you engage these neighbors in a welcoming, affirming manner. Any Conference member can download the "LanguageLine InSight" app on your smartphone, tablet, or computer at <https://insight.languageonline.com/>. You simply need to use the Authentication Code **6NN692GLS2** the first time you login. Through this app you

will have access to over 40 different languages, including Spanish, via an interpreter. You will have the option of either audio or visual (for those needing sign language); we strongly encourage using visual only when you must. **Please be efficient in your utilization as our Council pays by the minute for this service; and visual is nearly twice as expensive as audio. When you access the service, you will be asked for your name and department, you simply need to state your name, then “St Vincent de Paul Cincinnati Conferences”, then your Conference name.** Be sure to only call through the app; you cannot use this service through a regular phone call.

Our Charitable Pharmacy, Social Services, and some Conferences are leveraging this tool to better engage our Latino neighbors.

If you have any questions or are having trouble accessing the service, please reach out to Alec or Olivia of your Conferences Support Team.

**A final seed to plant: If your Conference is among those engaging more neighbors preferring or needing to communicate in Spanish, please consider this an opportunity to seek the addition of Spanish-speaking members. This could enhance your responsive communication and expand your Conference’s perspective.**

### **Christ Church Plumb Line**

You've appreciated this community resource extending financial aid for qualified neighbors who are employed. Volunteers @ Christ Church will be administering the Plumb Line on Mondays, 1-3pm, and scheduling in-person meetings for applicants for the following Monday (example: Volunteers in on 2/6 will be scheduling appointments for 2/13).

Olivia Scheper, our Conferences Support Coordinator, [oscheper@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:oscheper@svdpcincinnati.org) or 513.345.4986, will continue to be your/our central contact point-person. Plumb Line will only accept SVDP referrals from Olivia. Expect further details as Olivia navigates this newly volunteer-administered Plumb Line program.

### **Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW)**

GCWW's **Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program** provides funds for assistance for eligible tenants residing in the City of Cincinnati. There are eligibility stipulations.

Tenants must qualify by completing an online application at [assistance.mycgw.org](https://assistance.mycgw.org).

Renters can also call 513.591.7700 to receive assistance from the call center to complete an application. There is also a flexible payment plan through the PromisePay Portal.

GCWW customers can visit [GCWW.promise-pay.com](https://gcww.promise-pay.com) for details about the program and how to enroll.

Renters not residing in Cincinnati city limits but living in Hamilton County can visit <https://erap.hcjfs.org/> for utility assistance. If you need additional materials or information, please contact GCWW at [GCWWCares@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:GCWWCares@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov).

### **Duke Energy**

On 1/25/2023, Duke Energy sent a release to community service partners with links to a variety of resources to assist their customers struggling with winter energy costs. We forwarded this release to our Conference Presidents on Thursday, 1/26/2023.

You can also find info by going to the Duke Energy website, clicking on the Financial Help tab, and then clicking on Ohio.

Duke encourages us to follow our standard steps for processing pledges on customer accounts. For questions on accounts or pledges for neighbors requesting utility assistance, please contact Duke Energy's Centralized Agency Team at 800.241.3194.

Advocates are available Monday through Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm.

Should our neighbor / their customer not meet Duke's qualifications for assistance, please refer them to Duke's customer care organization at 800.544.6900 where they may find assistance through a flexible installment plan.

### **State of Ohio Program for Struggling Homeowners**

**Save the Dream Ohio** helps eligible Ohio homeowners facing foreclosure and/or who cannot afford to pay their mortgage payments, utility payments or other related housing costs as a result of economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The state of Ohio was awarded \$280 million from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the program. Click here for more information:

[Save the Dream Ohio - Managed by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency \(ohiohome.org\)](https://ohiohome.org)

### **Hamilton County COVID Assistance**

Our neighbors & you can still find info and resources at <https://513relief.org>. **Hamilton County has refreshed funding at Hamilton County Job & Family Services (JFS).**



Neighbors can apply at [513Relief.org](http://513Relief.org) on their mobile device or desktop. [The Hamilton County Rent and Utility Program's application](#) can be submitted on a smart phone. Please note: this funding comes from the same federal pool as ERA and other COVID relief programs, so a neighbor who has previously exhausted their access to this pool will be ineligible. Please refer Hamilton County neighbors who you believe to be eligible.

### **Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation (CEIF) Vision Clinic in our Neyer Outreach Center**

The Vision Clinic operates **by appointment** on certain Monday mornings & Thursdays as designated by CEIF. **This Vision Clinic will be open on Thursdays only in February, as follows: all day tomorrow (2/9); the morning of 2/16; and all day on 2/23.** A limited number of walk-in exams can also be accommodated. To schedule an appointment, or to inquire for additional info, please call 513.207.6140.

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### *You are Both Thanked & Invited*

We thank you for your readership - we welcome your feedback to Tom Roberts at 513.345.4910 or [troberts@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:troberts@svdpcincinnati.org) - and we are eager for your content, including pictures, to make this weekly connection all the more relevant and empowering for you!

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### *Our Mission*

A network of neighbors, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

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### *Our Call to Prayer*

**For the grace to do justice,  
Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!  
For the grace to love kindness,  
Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!  
For the grace to walk humbly with our God,  
Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!  
Amen.**

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