



Conference News and Notes
for Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Sent to all Vincentians & Staff



Vincentian Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

Gospel: (Luke 24:13-35) That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had happened. And while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. ...and then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the Scriptures. ...They urged Him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." ...While He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened Scriptures to us?"

Reflection: The disciples had given up hope, they were confused and downcast. But they still had a spark within them and their hearts burned as they once again heard the Scriptures. But they could not see, could not understand. It was only their hospitality, "Stay with us", in the spaciousness of their reaching out to the Stranger and offering what they could give that their eyes were opened. Our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize Him in others. (*Living Liturgy*, p.126)

Vincentian Meditation: "Help honors when to the bread that nourishes it adds the visit that consoles, the advice that enlightens, the friendly shake of the hand that lifts up the sinking courage; when it treats the poor man with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since he is suffering what perhaps we are incapable of suffering; since he is the messenger of God to us, sent to prove our justice and our charity, and to save us by our works." Frederic Ozanam (Ramson, *Praying with Frederic*, p. 93)

**Frederic calls us to be so much more than dispensers of material assistance.
When have you found "your heart burning within you" as you served the poor with
the hospitality and "honor" Frederic cites?**

Your Formation and Training Opportunities & Tips

Last Call! Register Today for Ozanam Orientation – Our quickly-approaching Ozanam Orientation will be a two-part session (*requiring attendance at both sessions*) on the next two consecutive **Tuesday evenings, April 25 and May 2, 5:30 - 8:30pm, at St. John the Baptist (Dry Ridge)**. We highly encourage all new - and seasoned - Vincentians to invest a few hours diving more deeply into 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 practical insights have been added to better understand how we live out our Vincentian life in the Cincinnati district. **To register for this Ozanam Orientation, [please follow this link](#) or contact Chris Kelley to register.**

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Best Practices for Home Visits – The Home Visit is at the core of our Society and can often feel uncomfortable at first. We invite you to join with fellow Vincentians to discover more of the best practices for taking part in a fruitful and safe Home Visit with our neighbors and accompanying them on their journey with us whether that is how to better understand a neighbor's need, ways to safe during a visit, praying for/with them, following up, and much more. This workshop will take place at **St. Vivian Parish** in Ursuline Hall (828 Finney Trail, Cincinnati, 45224) **on Monday, May 22, 6 - 8pm. To register, please sign up using this [link](#) or reach out to Chris Kelley directly.**

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Last Call for our Quarterly Prayer Partners - Looking to grow in fellowship and faith with other Vincentians, volunteers, or staff? Then please join our group of prayer partners from around our District for the coming quarter. Together we can lift and support one another through prayer and fellowship. The conversations are confidential, and low commitment – meeting either once a week or every few weeks for a few minutes or more – as you find best suits your preferences and schedule. **Please join our group of prayer partners by using this [link](#) or reaching out to Chris Kelley directly.**

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Coming Soon! Patronal Feast Day Mass – **Tuesday, May 9, at noon, in our Neyer Outreach Center** will be one of our Patronal Feast Day Masses honoring the life and legacy of **St. Louise de Marillac**, a woman of such deep faith and organization that she is known to be one of the patronesses of the Society and founder of the Daughters of Charity with St. Vincent de Paul! We invite you to sign up and **join with us in prayer and thanksgiving here in our NOC** whether you are a Vincentian, staff, or a volunteer! To register in advance and ensure we have enough space in our chapel with the limited seating, we ask you to **[please use this form \(linked here\)](#)** and look forward to seeing you!

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Conference Presidents Meeting – Our Annual Conference Presidents Meeting will be **Saturday, April 29, at St. Cecilia (Oakley), 9:30am - 1pm, following 9am Mass**. Registration information has been sent to all Conference Presidents. If you did not receive the email and link to register, please contact Chris Kelley directly to sign up. If you are unable to participate, please arrange a (1) designee to ensure your Conference is represented. We are eager to have each of our Conferences present. Our agenda and supporting materials will be forwarded in the coming week.

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Chris Kelley, our Formation and Service Learning Director, can be reached at 513.345.1767 or ckelley@svdpcincinnati.org .

Please Meet Our St Jude Conference (Bridgetown)



Our **St Jude Conference** has been a westside fixture of faith, friendship, and service since their aggregation in 1960 - yes, 2,000+ meetings (each numbered in their minutes) and still going strong. There were a few members away when we joined their meeting Monday evening, yet you must agree that the smiles of Dave, Karen, Chuck, Jim, & Sue sure can light up a picture...and bring joy & hope to our Bridgetown neighbors. St Jude joins **Our Lady of the Visitation** (Mack) and **St Joseph** (North Bend) in the **Divine Mercy (SW-1) Family of Parishes**. This St Jude Conference generously twins within and beyond their Family...and these 3 Conferences will jointly host a personal care goods drive in their respective parishes - for our food pantries network - on the weekend of April 29 & 30. St Jude will also host a Bundle Sunday to support our thrift stores on the weekend of May 20 & 21. And they distributed Easter flowers to lift the spirits of local neighbors with whom they have nurtured relationship. May God continue to bless their good works!

New Printable Resource Guides

If you haven't already explored the updated Members Area of our website, we can assure you, we've made it worth your while. Six new lists of community resources for differing needs are included at the bottom on the new "Resources for Serving Neighbors" page, which can be found [here](#) (password: member). We encourage you to take a peak and explore the website further for yourself.

If you have any ideas for things you'd like to see or change on the website, please do send any suggestions in to Alec at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org.

Our Fans & Air Conditioners Distribution Program (repeated from last week)

Our 2023 Fans & Air Conditioners Program will start on **Monday, May 1**. Full details can be found within the [Members Portal of the SVDP website](#).

Fans will be distributed on a walk-up basis starting May 1 at our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC, 1146 Bank St, 45214), through our Welcome Rooms/Food Pantry. ACs will be distributed through a request/scheduled pick up process – the same as last year. The online request form will open on May 1. If you receive an AC inquiry before May 1, please have the neighbor visit the website <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/AC> or come to our NOC once we've started accepting requests.

Please note (and make sure your/our neighbors know) that households may receive either an AC or a fan, but not both.

Neighbors selected to receive an AC will be informed they can pick up the AC unit @ our NOC.

Any questions and communication about fans & ACs should be directed to

summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org .

Air Conditioners:

We have an online request form for ACs, which can be found [here](#) . The form will open on May 1. **A request does not guarantee assistance** , so please be sure to communicate this to neighbors.

Eligibility:

1. Household cannot have received an AC in the last four years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022); this can be checked in CMS
2. Neighbors must be over the age of 65 *or* have a medical need for an AC; we will not be requiring a doctor's note proving medical need, but we do ask the neighbor to disclose the reason for their request on the request form
3. Limit of one unit per household/address

There are two options for neighbors living in a Conference footprint:

- You can provide them with the online request link <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/AC> and they can complete the request form themselves
 - **Please note that the link won't be live until May 1**
 - Neighbors may use the computers in our NOC Education Center to complete the request
- You can complete the online request with the neighbor
 - Verbally ask them to confirm that the information they provided is accurate and then you can scribble or mark an "X" in the signature area
 - Please make sure to put your name and Conference in the comments area
 - If you will be picking up the AC for the neighbor, please also state this in the comments area and provide a phone number or email address for us to contact you

Fans:

Fans will be distributed at our NOC on a walk-up basis beginning Monday, May 1. There will be no fan distribution events this year; all fans will be distributed as described below.

Eligibility:

1. Household cannot have received a fan in 2022; you can find this information in CMS
2. Limit of one fan per household/address

There are two options for neighbors living in a Conference footprint:

- Neighbors can come to our NOC starting May 1 during normal operating hours and they can request a fan in a Welcome Room
- If you would like to pick up a fan for a neighbor, you can contact our program coordinator at summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org to arrange for pick up; please send the neighbor's first and last name, DOB, and address so we can check for eligibility

Our NOC hours are Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, & Saturday 8am - noon.

Ready to Quit Smoking?

We can help!

Enroll with a pharmacist today at St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy to receive FREE education and supplies.

No Appointment Needed.



Looking for a meaningful way to show love for a neighbor, friend, or yourself? There's never a bad time to quit smoking. How about doing your lungs, your heart, and your wallet a favor? Got questions? You can connect with Katie Owens, Pharmacy Manager in our Charitable Pharmacy, at kowens@svdpcincinnati.org .

An Appeal for In-Kind Donations for our Thrift Stores

Spring time has most definitely arrived. Warmer temps. Longer days. Blessed sunshine. The change in seasons is stimulating shopping activity in our thrift stores, especially for clothing - please be assured household goods and furniture are quite popular too. Doing some spring cleaning and/or refreshing at your home? Please know that the items you are ready to part with could quickly become essential & spirit-lifting "finds" for those shopping our thrift stores - including neighbors using vouchers your Conference writes. **Please drop off in-kind donations at any of our Thrift Stores...or at our collection boxes spread all over Hamilton County...or call for a pick-up if your load is more than you can transport.**

How about a Bundle Sunday or drive at your parish or school? This is another wonderful way for you to invite your fellow parishioners to join in your Conference's good works. Questions or requests? Please connect with our eager Thrift Stores team at 513.421.CARE (2273).

Huge thanks for your support of our Thrift Stores. Your generous donations empower their operations - serving value-seeking customers and providing much-appreciated employment opportunities.

More News from Our Conferences, including Beacons of Light Progress

Our **St Dominic Conference (Delhi), of the Mary, Queen of All Saints (SW-3) Family**, has elected Christelle Middendorf to succeed Gary Ott as Conference President. We thank Gary for his servant leadership...as we thank Christelle for answering the call to lead. Christelle will participate in an orientation to her new role this coming week before joining in our Annual Conference Presidents Meeting next Saturday, 4/29.

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This **Beacons of Light** Archdiocesan initiative and its prescribed process are gaining traction in our 24 Families of Parishes, each at their own pace. We've conducted 7 fruitful Pastor meetings to-date, bringing together the Pastor & the respective Conference Presidents in each of these 7 Families of Parishes. 3 Pastors have chosen to defer our meetings as they address pressing issues, based upon their confidence in our Conferences & Vincentians. We have a Pastor meeting booked for this evening and another later this month, plus more in the works. Your Vincentian Services team members are also participating in individual Conference meetings (6 thus far in April). *Beacons of Light* will be a brief presentation and extended discussion topic nested within our *Standards of Excellence* at our Annual Conference Presidents Meeting on Sat, 4/29. Identifying opportunities, nurturing collaboration, and acting are our SVDP themes – a balance of proactivity & patience – while living our mission today.

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Our Archdiocese will host another monthly **Beacons Roundtable via Zoom**, this one on Leadership and the role of Pastoral Councils in Planning and Synodality, **this coming Tuesday, 4/25, 1:30-3pm**. You can learn more about *Beacons of Light* and these *Beacons Roundtables* at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website.

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Tom Roberts, your Director of Conference Engagement, would love to join you for a Conference meeting - or a joint meeting of the Conferences within your Family. You can reach out and invite him at 513.345.4910 or troberts@svdpcincinnati.org. He'll be glad to relay opportunities to support you to fellow members of our Vincentian Services team...or bring them along...to best walk with you.

CMS Tips, Tricks, & Transformations

- There are Family of Parishes CMS statistics, to complement Conference-specific metrics, available in the Members area of our SVDP website, CMS section; please see our website's Members page, then click to Resources for Serving Our Neighbors, then CMS, then your selected tab
- You can review the four CMS webinars that have been recorded; you'll find them located in the Members area of our SVDP website, CMS section

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CMS Questions?

John Wessel, your/our Resource Analyst, welcomes your inquiries - 513.562.1823 or jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org.

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)

Our March activity:

- We received **169** fresh applications
- We approved **160** applications, effectively fully extended our March CAF funding provisions of **\$70,000** (as augmented); **4** were withdrawn and **0** were declined

Our April activity (2 1/2 weeks in):

- We've received **81** fresh applications
- We've approved **101** applications; **3** have been withdrawn and **1** declined
- We have **17** applications currently in process

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

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrJm9mY2Y2ZDg5NmMtNWQ1ZC00OTAyLWlwYmUtZTA2NGMwZmZmNmZiliwidCI6ImY2NWUwODUxLTYxM2Q0tNDEzNS05ZTE2LTUwOWFkYThjMDY2YiJ9> .

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

Thanks to augmented funding from our District Council, our CAF provisions are \$70,000/month for the remainder of this fiscal year (through September), plus any twinning to CAF by Conferences sharing a resource surplus. Please note that our current "run rate" of CAF applications submitted slightly exceeds our monthly Council funding, so twinning to our CAF will help fuel our ability to approve and extend CAF assistance without interruption.

Please contact Tom Roberts, 513.345.4910 or troberts@svdpcincinnati.org , or Alec Jewell, 513.345.4983 or ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org , for more info about twinning to our CAF.

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?

Emergency Rental Assistance 2 - A Fresh Round, now known as ERA2.1

We've received a funding allocation from the City of Cincinnati to once again partner to assist neighbors with their rent and utility arrearages through the ERA2 program. This funding is similar to the previous round; please note these parameters:

- We are accepting applications and will continue to do so until 6/13/23, or when our allocation is completely extended
- We have maximum available funds of \$200,000 to be extended through your/our Conferences
- We will only be able to assist neighbors who rent within the City of Cincinnati
- Eligible neighbors will be able to receive up to 15 months of rent and utility arrearages
- Our neighbor must have been impacted in some capacity by COVID
- We are recommending that neighbors with a minimum of \$1,000 in arrearages should apply for this funding; any lesser amounts would likely be good candidates for CAF, assuming the neighbor is eligible
- Assistance can only apply to balances accrued after March 13, 2020

More details can be found in the email sent to Conference Presidents on Friday, March 17. Applications and supporting documentation can be found within the members' area of our SVDP website. Please feel free to reach out to Alec (513.345.4983 or ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org) or Olivia (513.345.4986 or oscheper@svdpcincinnati.org) of your Vincentian Services Team with questions.

Our ERA2.1 progress to-date:

- **34** applications submitted
- **17** approved
- **17** in various stages of processing

We're enjoying assisting your neighbors & you, once again, through this funding source. We hope that every minute you are investing with our neighbors is fruitful and every dime uplifting.

Rahe Beds Fund & Program

All April bed requests have been processed. Due to the number of requests, we will not be able to offer additional vouchers this month. Our redemption rates continue to rise! March was another record-setting month for beds distributed, with 196 beds given to neighbors.

One update regarding vouchers: We are only able to rewrite vouchers that were written within the last six months. If a voucher expired more than six months ago, the neighbor will need to request the voucher again. As a reminder, our online request form can be found [here](#).

New Contact Information for Bed Purchases! If your Conference is considering purchasing beds to extend as assistance, you can get info, including current pricing, or purchase by contacting Dana Walker, Clothing & Home Resource Center Manager, at chrc@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.706.5822. Your purchased beds will be picked up at our Clothing & Home Resource Center (CHRC) within our Liz Carter Center (LCC), 1125 Bank St. - the same place our Rahe bed vouchers are redeemed. Conference Bed Coordinators

received an email with updated bed prices last week.

Housing Choice Voucher Program

As presented in our 2/15/2023 Resource Spotlight, Annina Ruggley of our Council's Social Services team is accepting neighbor recommendations for the Housing Choice Voucher program. This program works to assist neighbors in obtaining a Section 8 voucher, which would allow neighbors to rent from private landlords at a reduced rate, based upon a proportion of their income, with CMHA covering the remaining balance. The rental property must be located in Hamilton County. Ideal candidates for this program are neighbors whose income is not currently enough to address their expenses, are housed or are moving into housing that is likely to pass inspection, and have enough income/assistance each month to enable them to pay at least \$50 a month for rent. To make a recommendation, please complete a Housing Choice Voucher screening tool, which can be found along with supporting materials on the Member Support and Forms page of our SVDP-Cincinnati website. Please add thorough notes about the neighbor's situation and income, and email the completed form to Nina Ruggley at aruggley@svdpcincinnati.org. Nina will also be happy to answer any questions you have about this program, 513.345.4965.

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, Vincentian Support Manager, at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.345.4983.

Birth Certificates

Our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC) team is assisting neighbors who are in need of a birth certificate. We have enhanced our process so that neighbors may request and receive a birth certificate on the same day. Neighbors should come to our NOC (1146 Bank St) and request the birth certificate. They will then be given documentation to take to Elm Street Clinic (1525 Elm St) where they may retrieve their birth certificate on the same day, or at their convenience. A limited number of birth certificates are available each week, and all birth certificate requests must be made in person.

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, 5/3, 11am-1pm**. No pre-registration is required.

Feel free to share this information with your neighbors.

Haircuts from the Heart in our NOC

This is a free haircut program, courtesy of our partner Franciscan Ministries. **Stylist Margarita is 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.languageline.com/>. You simply need to use the Authentication Code **6NN692GLS2** the first time you login **and provide your Conference name to the operator**. 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 Vincentian Services team.

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

This greatly appreciated community resource extends rental assistance for qualified neighbors who have an income. Volunteers at Christ Church prefer to do an in-person interview with neighbors referred to them whenever possible, so please be sure to tell the neighbor to expect Christ Church to reach out to schedule an in-person interview.

Generally, Christ Church volunteers have been seeing neighbors about a week after they get the referrals. **Please be advised that there is a new referral form for Plumb Line. It can now be found in our website's Members resources here:**

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/conferences-members/member-support/> Please try to use this new form for all new referrals.

Olivia Scheper, our Conferences Support Coordinator, 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.

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.mygcww.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.

Duke Energy

You can find current 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 (Monday - Friday, 7am -

7pm) 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 funding available at Hamilton County Job & Family Services (JFS)**. Neighbors can apply at 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 their communicated schedule, based upon their team's availability; Thursdays are the most consistent. In April, **this Vision Clinic will be open all day (8:30am - 3pm) today (Wed, 4/19); tomorrow morning (Thurs, 4/20); and all day next Thurs, 4/27**. 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.

You are Both Thanked & Invited

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

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.

Our Call to Prayer

**Lord, through Your resurrection hope was given to the world,
strengthen us to be hope for others.
For those who live in fear and loneliness,
enable us to be peace for others.
For the sick and the dying,
ignite our hearts to be love for others.
Amen.**

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