



**Conference News and Notes**  
**for Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
**Sent to all Vincentians & Staff**

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***Vincentian Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
***May 7, 2023***

**Gospel: (John 14:1-12)** Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way...I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? ...Amen, amen I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

**Reflection:** Jesus is the Way - the Truth - and the Life, because of his relationship with the Father. The good news is that when we relate to Jesus, we are relating to God. And when we encounter the risen Christ, we encounter God. We encounter the risen Christ by doing the works of Christ and by recognizing Christ in the other. Thus, the challenge here is that our baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with the Triune God but also with each other. Therefore, our belief in the resurrection and the good news of salvation isn't something that stays in our heads but is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. That is the good news! (*Living Liturgy*, p.134)

**Vincentian Meditation:** Vincent said: “To make God known to the poor, to tell them that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and that it is for the poor. O how great that is, so sublime is it to preach the gospel to the poor that is, above all, the office of the Son of God. (McKenna, *Praying with Vincent*, p.41)

**In what ways has our service in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love spread the “good news,” and made “God known to the poor?”  
In what ways are we poor?**

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***The Feast of Saint Louise de Marillac is this coming Tuesday, May 9***

**Gospel: (Matthew 25: 31-46)** The King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me...I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”

**Reflection:** Louise de Marillac, (1591-1660), married Antoine LeGras and they had a son whom they named Michel, but at the age of 34 she became a widow. Vincent de Paul became her spiritual director and under his guidance she began caring for the poor and visiting the Confraternities of Charity. Vincent and Louise co-founded the Company of the Daughters of Charity, and dedicated them to serve the poor with humility, simplicity and charity. In 1960, Pope John XXIII proclaimed Louise the patron saint of all Christian social workers.

**Vincentian Meditation:** “Above all, be very gentle and courteous toward your poor. You know that they are our masters and that we must love them tenderly and respect them deeply. It is not enough for these maxims to be in our minds; we must bear witness to them by our gentle and charitable care.” St. Louise de Marillac (Gibson and Kneaves, *Praying with Louise*, p.72)

**Compassionate Christ, Louise ministered to the needs of your people,  
give us courage to walk in her footsteps.  
Suffering played a painful part in Louise’s growth in holiness,  
give us eyes of faith to see Your presence in our suffering.  
Louise’s heart was fashioned through her friendship with Vincent,  
give us friends whose love transforms our hearts to love You more.  
You inspired Louise with a great love for the poor and the abandoned,  
grant us the grace to serve those whose lives touch ours with the same spirit of  
love and courage.  
May the Vincentian Family continue to grow and multiply throughout the world,  
so that the poor will know God’s love in a tangible way.  
Amen.**

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### ***Your Formation and Training Opportunities & Tips - Plus Events!***

**Signup Today! Our next Feast Day Mass – This Coming Tuesday, May 9, at noon, in our Neyer Outreach Center Chapel** will be a Mass honoring the life and legacy of **St. Louise de Marillac**, a woman of such deep faith and insight 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 other Vincentians, staff, and volunteers in prayer and thanksgiving here in our NOC!** To register in advance and ensure we have enough space in our chapel, we ask you to **[please use this form \(linked here\)](#)** and look forward to seeing you!

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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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**Our Summer Social - Save the Date! - Thursday, June 15, 5:30-8pm, @ IHM** – Graciously being hosted by our **Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference** (Beechmont Ave, eastside)...with an emphasis on friendship, food, & fun! Watch for more info in the weeks to come.

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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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### ***Our Annual Conference Presidents Meeting 2023***

44 Conference Presidents and/or their proxies gathered at St Cecilia (S-9 Family) in Oakley this past Saturday to represent 41 of our Cincinnati District Council's adult Conferences. Our morning began with Mass in their beautiful worship space; Pastor Fr Jamie Weber warmly welcomed our servant leaders and drew connections between the good works of St Catharine of Siena (on her feast day) and those of our Society. Our time together included all 3 of our essential elements - faith, friendship, & service - with a blend of inspiring & informative presentations, lively dialogue including an extended breakout session addressing *Standards of Excellence* in Families of Parishes, and sharing on opportunities, successes, and best practices. Huge thanks to our St Cecilia Conference (Tom McNally, President) for hosting and to all who invested their precious time and energy to create collective lift for our members, neighbors, and community.



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### ***We're Hiring!***

Our Outreach Center Services team is currently looking to fill several full-time positions. Are you our next team member? Or is there someone in your life who would be a great fit for one of these roles? Complete job descriptions and information on how to apply can be found on our website:

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

**Re-Entry Program Manager** – This person is the face of SVDP's commitment to working with those who have been impacted by the justice system. They will work directly with those affected by the justice system to attain stability, advance in the workforce, and positively contribute in our community. We are looking for a compassionate individual with strong organizational and interpersonal skills who is familiar with the challenges facing Returning Citizens.

**Welcome Desk Associate** – We're looking for an individual who is welcoming, calm, and patient to serve at our front desk. This individual will ensure that all neighbors, staff, and volunteers feel welcomed and comfortable while at our Neyer Outreach Center. They will monitor public space, deescalate emotionally charged situations, and provide quality customer service to neighbors, volunteers, and guests.

**Social Services Administrative Manager** - This position is responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of a system of operations for social services at our Neyer Outreach Center, as well as providing guidance and support to our network of volunteers across Hamilton County. Supportive supervision, attention to details, and oversight of operations to ensure programmatic and financial accountability are key aspects of this role.

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### ***Our Fans & Air Conditioners Distribution Program***

**Our 2023 Fans & Air Conditioners Program started this past Monday, 5/1.** Full details can be found within the [Members Portal of the SVDP website](#).

Fans are being distributed on a walk-up basis at our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC, 1146 Bank St, 45214), through our Welcome Rooms/Food Pantry. ACs are distributed through a request/scheduled pick up process – the same as last year. The online request form can

be found here: <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/AC> or neighbors can apply at our NOC. **Please note (and make sure your/our neighbors know) that households may receive either an AC or a fan, but not both.**

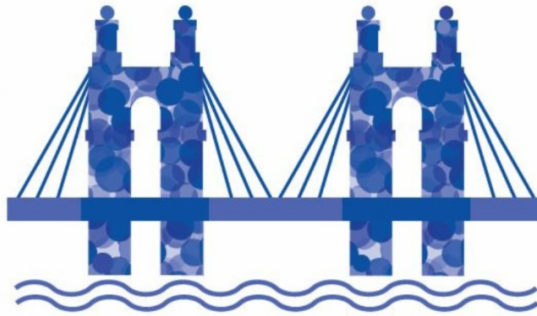
Neighbors selected to receive an AC will be informed they can pick up the AC unit @ our NOC.

Any questions and communication about fans & ACs should be directed to [summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org).

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

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*a celebration*  
OF SERVICE  
Honoring Rob and Julia Heidt  
May 18, 2023



***A Celebration of Service is Just Over 2 Weeks Away!***

Secure your tickets now to join us at Anderson Pavilion on Thursday, May 18, to honor Rob and Julia Heidt for their dedication and service to St. Vincent de Paul. All proceeds from the night will support our Charitable Pharmacy.

The first 20 people to use the code COS2023Vincentian at checkout will receive \$20 off your ticket purchase. Tickets are available @ our website until this Friday, 5/5, or until capacity is reached.

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***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](mailto:ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org).

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***More News from Our Conferences, including Beacons of Light Progress***

Members of the **Crescent Parishes Family (S-6)** shared in a joint Spiritual Retreat facilitated by Chris Kelley this past Friday evening, 4/28, in the old Archbishop's home, adjacent to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, in Norwood.

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More Conferences are welcoming new members as they actively communicate, engage, and invite fellow parishioners eager to make a difference within their Families/parishes/communities. Our 2 most recent Ozanam Orientations have drawn 30+ participants each.

Is your Conference expanding your circle of friendship?

Want help? Reach out to your Vincentian Services team members.

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### **Beacons of Light news:**

- Fr Mat Robben, Pastor of the **Family of the Most Holy Eucharist (SW-7)**, met with Conference Presidents Pat Schlimm (**St Aloysius Gonzaga**), Steve Brunette (**St Martin of Tours**), Jennifer Gibbons (**St Catharine of Siena**), Michael Mattingly (**Our Lord of Lourdes**), & Larry Hurley (**St Antonius**), along with Marlene Schobert of St Aloysius Gonzaga Conference, Larry & Beth representing staff of the Family, and Alec Jewell & Tom Roberts of our Vincentian Services team, @ St Martin of Tours this past Thursday evening, 4/27. Fr Matt shared vision of anticipated *Beacons of Light* progress, the breadth of their Family's westside presence, and his zeal for more actively engaging the members of this Family's congregation of faithful. He complimented the good works of these 5 Conferences, noted the need within their collective footprints, and encouraged their collaboration in faith, friendship, & service.
- We have now participated in 9 Pastor Meetings - and all 9 Pastors have voiced support and appreciation for our Vincentian presence as Christ's Love in Action
- **The next Beacons Roundtable, hosted by our Archdiocese via Zoom, will be Tuesday, 5/16, 1:30-3pm**, on **Leading Change, Proposing Vision, Bringing the family Along for Phase 2, and Difficult Conversations**. You can learn more about *Beacons of Light* and these *Beacons Roundtables* (including recordings & info from previous *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](mailto: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.

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

Did you know you can refer a neighbor to another conference in CMS? Yes, when a neighbor contacts you and you determine that they need to be assisted elsewhere it can be done directly in CMS. There will be, very soon, a new training video on the CMS Support Page titled "CMS Training – Referring Neighbor to another Conference". Please review the video. It should be noted that those with a Case Manager role in CMS will be the ones to review and accept cases referred from another conference. It's a very simple process which is explained in the training video. Enjoy!

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As always, feel free to call or email John Wessel - 513.562.1823 or [jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org) - at any time if you have any questions, suggestions, or desire a walkthrough training session.

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### **More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors**

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

##### **Our April activity:**

- We received **167** fresh applications
- We approved **159** applications; **3** were withdrawn and **1** declined
- We fully utilized our available funding of \$70,000; we hit the cap in the final days of the month

##### **Our May activity (2 days in):**

- We've received **20** applications
- We've approved **13** applications
- We have **54** 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?](https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiNjQyZDg5NmMtNWQ1ZC00OTAyLWlwYmUtZTA2NGMwZmZmNmZiliwidCI6ImY2NWUwODUxLTYxM2QtNDEzNS05ZTE2LTUwOWFkYThjMDY2YiJ9)

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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](mailto:troberts@svdpcincinnati.org) , or Alec Jewell, 513.345.4983 or [ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto: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 - This round now known (internally) 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
- **Good News - Our funding allocation has grown by \$50,000! We now have maximum total available funds of \$250,000 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](mailto:ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org) ) or Olivia (513.345.4986 or [oscheper@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:oscheper@svdpcincinnati.org) ) of your Vincentian Services Team with questions.

#### **Our ERA2.1 progress to-date:**

- **48** applications submitted
- **32** approved
- **16** 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**

We are currently accepting **four bed requests per Conference** through May 5. Please make your requests via our [online request form](#) . After the initial request period, we will assess whether we can accept additional requests and let you know around May 15. As a reminder, we are limiting the number of requests because of the rise we've seen in redemption rates. More neighbors are actually receiving beds than they have in the past.

**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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto: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 today (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 Vincention 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](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.

### **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](https://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](mailto: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 May, this Vision Clinic will be open tomorrow morning (Thursday, 5/4), then all day (8:30am-3pm) next**

**Thursday, 5/11, and the mornings of Thursdays, 5/18 & 25.** 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 and we welcome your feedback to Tom Roberts at 513.345.4910 or [troberts@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:troberts@svdpcincinnati.org). 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*

**Risen Lord, your resurrection brought joy to all believers,  
give joy to those who live in sadness.  
Risen Lord, your resurrection brought hope to all believers,  
give hope to those who live in despair.  
Risen Lord, your resurrection formed a community of believers,  
give us true love for one another.  
Risen Lord, you are one with your Church on earth,  
hear our prayers for all those in need.  
Amen.**

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