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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CINCINNATI REDS TEAM UP TO
'STRIKE OUT HUNGER' IN GREATER CINCINNATI**

Fans who donate three non-perishable food items before the games on Friday and Saturday to receive a free ticket voucher for a future Reds game

CINCINNATI, July 17, 2023 – St. Vincent de Paul and the Cincinnati Reds are partnering to “Strike Out Hunger” across Greater Cincinnati by hosting a food drive as the Reds host the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22 at Great American Ball Park. Fans who donate a minimum of three non-perishable food items before the games on Friday and Saturday will receive a free ticket voucher for a future Reds game, with a limit of one voucher per person.

Volunteers will be collecting food donations near the ballpark’s main entrance on Crosley Terrace, as well as along Joe Nuxhall Way near the Reds Hall of Fame & Museum. All donated food will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul’s Becky & Ted Catino Choice Food Pantry in the West End and St. Vincent de Paul’s network of 13 neighborhood-based food pantries throughout Greater Cincinnati.

“More neighbors are turning to St. Vincent de Paul for food assistance than ever before in our 154-year history. The support we receive from drives like this is crucial to keeping shelves at our food pantries stocked for our neighbors in need,” says Kristen Gallagher, Senior Marketing & Communications Manager for St. Vincent de Paul - Cincinnati.

Food items St. Vincent de Paul needs most right now include: breakfast cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits and veggies, dry mashed potatoes, and protein-dense food such as beans, chili, tuna, peanut butter and hearty soups.

“In Hamilton County, there are nearly 115,000 residents who are experiencing food insecurity. That’s enough to fill all the seats in Great American Ball Park over two and a half times,”

Gallagher says. “The good news is, when we all pitch in, together we can make a huge difference.”

Last summer, over 3,500 lbs. of food were donated to the Strike Out Hunger food drive, enough to provide nearly 3,000 meals.

For more information about Strike Out Hunger, please visit CincyHunger.com.

WLWT and 700WLW are media sponsors of the food drive.

About St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati

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

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