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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARING THE WARMTH WITH TWO COAT DISTRIBUTION EVENTS

Neighbors in need can receive a coat with their photo ID

CINCINNATI – Nov. 30, 2023 – St. Vincent de Paul - Cincinnati (SVDP) is working to help neighbors stay warm this winter through two coat distribution events. Its first coat distribution of the season will take place **Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at Elder High School's Schaeper Center**. Members of the media are invited to attend.

SVDP's second coat distribution of the season will follow on **Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clippard Family YMCA, located at 8920 Cheviot Road in Colerain**.

Hamilton County residents in need of a coat may attend one of these two events to select a coat. Neighbors will be asked to provide a photo ID as well as verification of any children not present who will be receiving a coat. All children must be accompanied by an adult. One coat per person, please.

"Having a warm winter coat is a necessity that's so often taken for granted," says Kristen Gallagher, Senior Manager of Marketing & Communications for St. Vincent de Paul. "We are extremely grateful for everyone in the community who recognizes the need in the community and steps up to help. Donating a coat is a simple but meaningful way to spread comfort and joy this winter."

SVDP anticipates distributing approximately 1,800 coats to Hamilton County neighbors through its two distribution events. Neighbors unable to attend either of these distribution events can visit the Neyer Outreach Center, located at 1146 Bank Street, to request a coat voucher. Coat vouchers are redeemable at SVDP thrift stores or at SVDP's Clothing & Home Resource Center, 1125 Bank Street.

For Northern Kentucky residents, please visit SVDPNky.org to learn more about how to receive a coat through St. Vincent de Paul - Northern Kentucky.

SVDP will continue to collect coats through the end of January to distribute to neighbors through its voucher program. Coats may be dropped off at any Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky SVDP thrift store location, as well as dozens of other sites spread across the Tri-State. A list of drop-off locations is available at SVDPcincinnati.org/coats.

Sponsors of St. Vincent de Paul's Winter Coat Drive include WLWT, Warm 98.5, Gold Star Chili, Lemasters Consulting and Rhinegeist.

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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