

*The mission of the* ***St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)*** *is to witness God’s love by offering*

*person-to-person service to the needy and suffering. Following is a summary of our Ascension Conference accomplishments in 2024. We directly affected lives over* ***12,000 times*** *within and outside our parish boundaries.*

*Within our Parish boundaries:*

* *Received* ***174 assistance requests****; Conducted home visits or phone interviews and assisted* ***156 individuals*** *(****72 families****) with: Food, Utilities, Rent/Motel, Furniture/Appliances, Clothing, Auto Loan Payments, Auto Fuel, Auto Repairs, Transportation.*
* *Ascension Food Pantry served* ***3,244 individuals (860 families).***
* ***21 Visits*** *were made to Chesterfield nursing homes affecting* ***1256 elders****.*
* ***2,144 Friendship Cards*** *were sent to the elderly at Chesterfield Nursing Homes for Valentine’s Day, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

*Outside our Parish boundaries:*

* *Over* ***156,000 pounds******of food*** *was provided to* ***6,316 individuals (2,877 families)*** *at our**St Nicholas Food Pantry in St Louis City. This accounted for over* ***104,000 meals****. Over* ***12,000 pounds of food*** *was also donated**to other food pantries.*
* ***1,319 meals*** *were prepared and served to the homeless at St Vincent de Paul Church in St Louis City.*
* ***840 meals*** *were prepared and served to the homeless at Peter & Paul Community Center in North St Louis City.*
* *Over* ***2,000 dozen cookies*** *were donated to St Patrick’s Center for their homeless clients.*
* ***Financial support*** *was provided to 10 struggling SVdP Conferences.*
* *Vincentians provided* ***775 hours*** *of support (in-person and by phone)**to three St Louis City Conferences to facilitate Neighbors-in-Need request assessment and assistance.*
* *Over* ***600 blessing bags*** *were assembled and distributed to the homeless.*
* *Three parish goods collections were conducted resulting in* ***350 blankets, 3,200 pounds of toiletries, 823 pairs of shoes, and thousands of prescription medicine bottles****.*

*Our* ***55 active Vincentians and Associates*** *volunteered* ***14,772 service hours****.*