

Dear Community Parishioners,

Thank you. The continual support that you provide is the fulfillment of Scripture, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic Social Justice Ministry providing a compassionate lifeline to families and individuals who have come into a difficult time, needing guidance as well as assistance. Our volunteers, always in pairs, go into the homes of those we serve to assess if, and how, we can provide while supporting their dignity and their hope.

The assistance we provide includes a gamut from food and clothing, housing and utilities, to transportation and identifying available government relief programs. We tangentially provide and receive financial assistance to share in overwhelming occurrences with neighboring parish conferences.

Below is a heartwarming note we received from a family we helped recently.

"Thank you very much for the help you gave us last month with rent and PG&E. Very good! It helped a lot that you cared. The food bag was good, and we really liked that you came to our apartment, too. Awesome!! NS"

Our distribution allocations for the past fiscal year (Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023) are as follows:

Food (Food Locker, grocery cards, In-kind donations):	\$ 6,835
Housing Assistance/Homelessness Prevention (rent, utilities, temporary):	\$58,393
Transportation Assistance (maintenance, registration fees, gas cards, bus passes):	\$ 1,373
Other (hygiene, dental, registering, storage, maintenance):	\$ 5,213
Assistance: neighboring conferences (support received/provided):	\$1,750 / \$350
In-Kind Donations (clothing, furniture, households)	\$ 4,720
Wildfire Survivor Assistance	\$ 4,135

In providing this assistance for this past fiscal year, we made 310 Home Visits, and served 703 individuals in our community, including 330 children. Not a cent of your donations was used for operational expenses.

Most Sincerely in Christ
St. Vincent de Paul