Greetings Vincentians & Friends,

As I wind down my days here, I want to extend my genuine gratitude to so many Vincentians, donors, volunteers and staff for your energy, prayers, and support along the way. From initial challenges—notably the pandemic and all the uncertainty surrounding it—to where we stand today as an organization, collectively we should be proud. While our work has just begun and there are so many opportunities to continue to improve, a firmer foundation exists because of YOU. My small role has been an honor to serve. I know the goal of any Vincentian is to grow closer to Christ as we give…and I believe I have been the beneficiary of that Grace.

“Charity is the primary mission of the Church. The task is immense and requires all sorts of gifts and all forms of organization, using the most varied methods and inspirations.” SVdP Georgia is in great hands under the new leadership of Mike Mies and our TEAM. Mike embodies the spirit of the deep legacy and good works of this incredible organization. I am confident that he will lead all of us to new heights in terms of spirituality, friendship, and service. Please join me in praying for him in this new role.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you once again. May all of you find and “be the light” during this special season and throughout the year.

Dear fellow Vincentians!

It has been my honor to serve these last few years as Council President alongside Pat, his team and the entire Board. It is an even greater honor to be able to serve you full-time as Executive Director. As Pat notes, our goal as Vincentians is to grow closer to Christ through service to our neighbors. That journey began for me 22 years ago when I joined my first Conference at St. Brigid in Johns Creek. Every step along the way – through heart-wrenching Home Visits, wonderful Vincentian spiritual discussions as Conference Spiritual Advisor, and even through administrative and fundraising duties as Conference or Council President – I have grown in faith. The opportunity to take this role and to support you and this “network of charity” that Blessed Frederic envisioned is another step in my faith journey, and I am so grateful for it.

I would like to congratulate Pat on his well-earned retirement and thank him for his great leadership. Having worked closely with him these past several years, I have seen how he embodies the Vincentian model of a Servant Leader, and I hope to be able to follow his example. Pat has built a strong team of committed leaders, and I look forward to working with all of them to support the incredible work that Vincentians do every day throughout the state.

I echo Pat’s wishes for a blessed Christmas season and look forward to working with all of you in the New Year! Peace!

— Mike Mies
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— Patrick McNulty
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Vincentian Event Calendar

SVdP Georgia Town Hall (virtual)
Thursday, December 8th
12pm-1:30pm
Register

Ozanam Orientation (virtual)
One-day session that will cover Parts 1, 2, & 3.
Saturday, December 10th
10am-3pm
Register

Eviction Process & Extended Stay Clinic for Caseworkers (virtual)
Learn from an Atlanta Legal Aid attorney about the eviction process, landlord rights, tenant rights, and more.
Thursday, December 15th
12pm-1pm
Register

Holiday Hours of Operation
The Conference Support Center will be closed on the following days:
♦ Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas
♦ Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year’s.
The Conference Support Center will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

Click HERE for our Vincentian Formation & Training Calendar.
At St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, our team has a shared purpose of providing help and hope to move people beyond poverty. It’s a mission our staff members pursue relentlessly, with dedication, determination, and a deep sense of satisfaction that comes from knowing they are making a real difference.

If you are the type of person who is excited and motivated by the idea of doing good for others, and our community, come join us! Do you know someone who might be interested? Careers - SVDP Georgia

Current Openings (click for job description):

⇒ COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
⇒ PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PRN

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to Sonji Bates-Boston.

Discover the wonderful feeling that comes with giving a gift that changes someone’s life! When you give a gift of hope featured in St. Vincent de Paul Georgia’s Giving Catalog, you provide Help and Hope to neighbors in need across Georgia. For those facing challenges such as poverty, job loss or sickness, there is nothing more meaningful and impactful.

To view Catalog or to Give a Gift, visit:
Giving Catalog - SVDP Georgia
Fred Talk: Humility

Of everything I learned while I was in formation to become a religious sister, becoming humble was the most challenging, and still is. This means learning to die to self, becoming self-less. Once we abandon ourselves, to be renewed in the Holy Spirit of God, our lives change for the better, in many ways.

This kind of change does not happen overnight. It takes time to become the person God is waiting for. He is very patient with us. Have you noticed?

Our St. Vincent de Paul-National Formation Director, Tim Williams, shares with us in his Fred Talk, the essence of Vincentian humility, which is found in the Rule, Part 1, section 2.5.1.

A few comments made by Tim in his short video, Our Vincentian Virtues - Humility on Vimeo:

- In giving, we receive.
- It is not about us; it is about them.
- The poor become our Lord and master once we do what God asks of us.
- Don’t brag about what we can do. All that we do is from God, and for God.
- He referenced St. Louise de Marillac’s comments concerning vanity.

Also, the Litany of Humility is a beautiful traditional Catholic prayer that captures the essence of humility.

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being loved...
From the desire of being extolled...
From the desire of being honored...
From the desire of being praised...
From the desire of being preferred to others...
From the desire of being consulted...
From the desire of being approved...
From the fear of being humiliated...
From the fear of being despised...
From the fear of suffering rebukes...
From the fear of being calumniated...

From the fear of being forgotten...
From the fear of being ridiculed...
From the fear of being wronged...
That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be esteemed more than I...
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease...
That others may be chosen and I set aside...
That others may be praised and I unnoticed...
That others may be preferred to me in everything...
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should.

Ponder these words in the silence, without distractions, to contemplate what they mean, then listen for guidance from the Holy Spirit. He may very well provide you with the courage to improve in particular areas, as well as the wisdom on how to make changes. Ask for these things in prayer with God, then be patient.

— Sr. Mary Francis Power, ESEH
SVdP Council Spiritual Advisor
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1 Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val y Zulueta is the person credited as the author of this prayer. www.aleteia.org/2018/03/05/meet-the-man-with-a-great-name-credited-with-the-litany-of-humility/2/
Dear Conference and District Presidents:

I am writing to you on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, as a member of the Board and the chair of the nominating committee for an Archdiocesan Council President. Dave Leta and John Kirksey are serving on the committee and are copied on this email.

As you may know, Mike Mies, who was the Council President until recently, will become CEO of SVdP Georgia on January 3, 2023. In her role as Vice President, Denise Fisher is now serving as the interim Council President.

Our nominating committee is working in accordance with the Bylaws. Please click on each link to review supporting documents:

- [SVdP GEORGIA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL BYLAWS](#)
- [COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES](#)
- [APPLICANT BIO & PLATFORM STATEMENT FORM](#)

The deadline for submitting nominations to lisarobinson@onboardnow.org is January 15, 2023.

After receiving nominations, our committee will prepare a slate of nominees to share with the nine district presidents. As a gentle reminder, only the nine District Presidents will vote. The nine district presidents will have three months to consult with their respective conferences during which time the conferences will have an opportunity to meet the candidates. The deadline to submit their vote is May 1, 2023.

Only Full (Active) members may be Officers at any level of the Society. Full (Active) status is given to members who are Catholic, attend Conference/Council meetings regularly, are actively involved in the life of the Conference/Council (decision making and works), are not members of ordained clergy, and receive no salary or remuneration (except for approved reimbursable expenses) from the Society at any level.

To become a candidate, in accepting the nomination, the nominee must submit in writing an autobiographical summary, a platform statement, and a photograph. The autobiography, platform, and picture will be reproduced for distribution. No modification, correction, or re-typing will be performed on any document.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Lisa

— Lisa Robinson
CEO, OnBoard
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SVdP Georgia Community Pharmacy Application Process

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PHARMACY APPLICATION PROCESS:

COMPLETING AN APPLICATION

There are TWO parts to the Pharmacy application:

1) CMS referral (click here for instructions)

2) Online referral form

In order to speed up the application process, please be sure to complete BOTH referrals at the same time and provide complete and accurate contact information (phone & email) for your referral. Missing information will result in a processing delay. All patients are contacted by the Pharmacy within 1 to 2 weeks of receiving a complete application.

SENDING PRESCRIPTION(s) TO OUR PHARMACY

The next step is for the Pharmacy to obtain a copy of the patient’s prescription(s). Getting a prescription transferred from another pharmacy is very time consuming and increases the error rate as these have to be done manually over the phone. Many patients will have a dozen or more prescriptions on file with multiple pharmacies, even though many of those may have been discontinued by their physician. To minimize the errors, as well as the number of unnecessary prescriptions, and the pharmacists’ time to process these transfers, our Pharmacy now requires patients to have their prescribing physician send a new prescription directly to our Pharmacy. Each patient is given written instructions on how to complete this process.

AVOIDING DELAYS

Much of the delay is due to the time it takes to receive the prescription from the physician (delays at the office or delays from the patient making the request). As a Caseworker, you can help speed up this part of the process by reminding patients to request the prescription from their physician, and coaching them through following up with their physician’s office staff.

Dr. Sam Ricks, currently our only pharmacist on staff, processes over 1,000 prescriptions each month, provides individual counseling to patients, and spends hours trying to obtain prescriptions from physicians. In order to help deliver the most efficient and high quality pharmacy service to our neighbors in need, we ask that you ensure all applications are complete and accurate, and guide patients to submit prescriptions directly to our Pharmacy.

HELPFUL LINKS

♦ To access the SVdP Community Pharmacy Resources page, visit: https://www.svdpgeorgia.org/members/community-pharmacy-resources/

♦ Click here for step-by-step instructions on CMS referral.

♦ Click on the Data Collection Form to print and use during your home visit to obtain the necessary information for the Pharmacy application.
Formation & Training

SVdP GEORGIA TOWN HALL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2022
12:00PM-1:30PM

Please join us at our virtual December Town Hall Meeting for an opportunity to share and gather information and best practices for Conference works. The objective of this meeting is to update you on Council operations/programs; for you to share how your Conference is managing in this environment; and generally to share experiences and best practices on how we can all continue to serve our neighbors in need safely and effectively.

All Vincentians and Conference Leaders are welcome to attend.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

AGENDA

- Spiritual reflection
- CEO message
- End-of-year
- Vincentian news
- Best practices—Prince of Peace
- Success story—Helping neighbors with car repairs
- Housing Director, Mariel Risner Sivley
- Formation events
- Open forum Q&A

OZANAM ORIENTATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2022
10:00PM-3:00PM

THIS IS A ONE-DAY VIRTUAL EVENT. Ozanam Orientation offers you an opportunity to be inspired, informed, refreshed and renewed in what it means to be a member of the Society, and how that membership is to be lived in the Conference and everyday life.

This training is mandatory for all Vincentian volunteers within one year of joining St. Vincent de Paul. Existing members may attend for a refresher course at any time.

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION, HISTORY, VINCENTIAN SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY
PART 2 – CONFERENCE LIFE, COUNCIL LIFE, UNDERSTANDING POVERTY
PART 3 – HOME VISIT ORIENTATION

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

NEW! EVICTION PROCESS & EXTENDED STAY CLINIC FOR CASEWORKERS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2022
12:00PM-1:00PM

Join us as we host a virtual clinic with Atlanta Legal Aid attorney, Margaret Kinnear. During this webinar, Margaret will guide us through information about the eviction process, landlord rights, tenant rights, and rights of tenants who reside in extended stay motels.

This clinic will be recorded and made available on our website. Those unable to join in person can send questions in advance to Mariel Risner Sivley, Housing Director, at msivley@svdpgeorgia.org.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

All Vincentian Caseworkers are encouraged to attend this webinar.
Local Auto Repair Company Helps Neighbors in Need

The All Saints Conference recently collaborated with Christian Brothers Automotive, located in Norcross, GA, for “A Day of Service” on October 15th where their mechanics and staff provided free oil changes for neighbors in need.

The families were especially grateful as the average age of the cars serviced was 10 years old. In some cases, Christian Brothers Automotive repaired malfunctioning car locks and horns, and even replaced worn tires. Christian Brothers even provided breakfast and lunch for those waiting for their car repairs to be completed.

“They treated us so respectfully and were so kind!”
- A grateful neighbor in need

A mom’s eyes filled with tears as she was told they would make additional needed repairs with no cost to her.

A special thanks to Bernie Marino, Spiritual Advisor at All Saints, SVdP Georgia, Samuel Schottenfeld, Owner/Operator, and Jay Jolley, Service Manager at Christian Brothers for developing a relationship where “A Day of Service” made an impact for those truly deserving.

(Submitted by Evelyn Collazo)

Conference Helps a Political Refugee Family

The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Conference recently helped a family of political refugees from a conflicted South American country who escaped to Atlanta. The couple, in their 30s, along with their 12-year old son, only spoke Spanish when they arrived and struggled with seeking shelter and food as well navigating areas such as getting proper documents for school, and searching for jobs.

When a Spanish-speaking Vincentian at IHM first met them, they were living in a rented room. They needed food, clothing, permanent shelter, and jobs. After a couple of days, they figured out how to use MARTA. They both found jobs themselves by asking every business around where they were living. IHM initially helped them with a partial deposit on an apartment, quickly followed by food and clothing vouchers. Vincentians then helped them secure basic furniture for their empty apartment by working with the St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Thrift Store that provided a free sofa, bed, frame and sheets for the son. They secured a new queen bed and frame as well. Shortly after, the family was able to enroll their son in school and arrange for all immunizations and documents.

Thanks to the generosity of the IHM parish, the IHM Conference at SVdP Georgia was able to provide this family with immediate help and basic living needs to give them a new beginning in America!
NEW FOOD PANTRY AT ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

After almost one and a half years of looking for a trailer, preparing the site, completing inspections, obtaining a certificate of occupancy, and hooking up the electricity, the St. Clare of Assisi Conference finally opened their new food pantry. Through the generous financial support and hard work of Jim and Kathy Laskowski, they were able to move the food pantry out of the rectory basement and into a roomy, well lit facility. Kathy, pictured below in yellow, honored everyone by cutting the ribbon to open the food pantry named in memory of her husband, Jim Laskowski, who passed away earlier this year.

WINTER WOOLIES DRIVE AT CHRIST THE KING

“I want to give a huge thanks to all who helped in so many ways with our recent Winter Woolies clothing and food drive. We had so much generosity from CTK School and from our parishioners! Together, we filled a truck with a good mix of food and clothing. The food pantry is a little thin right now, so the food is definitely needed. Great volunteering from everyone!”

- Tim Doyle
Volunteers Needed for Clark’s Christmas Kids!

**When:** 11/29 – 12/14, shifts available from 8a-12p & 1p-4p

**Where:** Toy Warehouse located at 2271 Sylvan Rd, East Point, GA. Click [here](#) for map.

For 32 years, the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) has partnered with WSB Radio’s Clark Howard and St. Vincent de Paul Georgia to operate Clark’s Christmas Kids and fulfill Christmas wish lists for children in foster care. Clark’s Christmas Kids mission is to ensure that every child in the Georgia foster care system has at least one gift on Christmas day.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we NEED YOUR HELP to accomplish our mission! Here’s how you can help:

**VOLUNTEER**

Individuals and groups are invited to help at our toy warehouse in East Point, GA to sort, label, and prepare gifts for distribution; and work to provide a happy Christmas for children who are away from their families. Shifts are available from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm starting on November 29th through December 14th.

**SPREAD THE WORD**

Many hands make light work! Let members in your Conference and community know about Clark’s Christmas Kids, and encourage them to sign up to volunteer by sharing this Hands on Atlanta link: [https://x.gldn.io/e/0tfrxpl3Mub](https://x.gldn.io/e/0tfrxpl3Mub). Visit online for marketing material to help promote this volunteer event.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

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Share Your Good News!

We want to hear about how you have made an impact in your community! Send success stories of how your Conference has helped support the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and we will highlight them in our Society Page. Send submissions for consideration to vincentianservices@svdpgeorgia.org.
SVdP Georgia Prayer List

Please keep the following Vincentians and their families in your prayers.

- Robin Patton
- Marlene Knieper
- Pat Cahalen
- Luke - Austin Grandchild
- Theresa Sexton
- Pat Cahalen
- Carlene and Larry Dunn
- Lea and Ray Custer
- Doreen Dunlap
- Jack Alexander
- Richard Moker
- Joe Skillin
- Gregg Plese
- Joanne Breaugh
- Ashley, her husband, and parents
- Erin’s daughter, Dorothy and her family
- Maureen’s Son
- Ken’s friend who passed away
- Joan Kill, her husband, and family
- Daniel and Sarah, and their unborn child
- Melissa and Ken
- JP and Christy
- Grandchildren Margaret, Jack, Parker and Presley
- Mary and her family
- Amy Ladish
- Zara Fain
- Repose of the soul of Bob Pennington; Prayers for Bob and his family.
- For the Holy Spirit to guide our work and our donors that support our mission.
- For Those discerning to be Vincentians.
- For our fellow Vincentians that have passed.
- For our Vincentians that are suffering with illness.
- In thanksgiving for our parishioners who give generously supporting our conference.
- For all those who struggle to earn enough to financially thrive in our city.
- All members of our military serving our country around the world.
- All who seek to bring peace to the world as Jesus taught.

Weekly Questions and Answers

Each week, the National Council of SVdP USA publishes answers to questions submitted to them in the Frederic’s E-Gazette. Those questions and answers have been assembled into a repository for Vincentians to easily access and quickly find answers. To access the full list of Q & A’s, click here. This document has an index and is arranged by topic and sub topics with the date of E-Gazette publication. The index topics are arranged alphabetically by keyword for quick reference and easy research.

You can also access the most recent weekly Q&As online by clicking here: https://members.ssvpusa.org/weekly-qa/
Conference Support Center Staff Information

Patrick McNulty — Chief Executive Officer
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Patrick is the legal and functional senior executive of SVdP Georgia and is responsible to the Board of Directors for the management of all aspects of the operations of the organization. As the chief advocate and spokesperson for the Society, he also promotes the work of the Society with donors, supporters, elected officials and other organizations.

Cheryl King — Chief Financial Officer
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Cheryl is responsible for overseeing the organization’s finances, the accounting department, managing the Council’s budget, financial reporting, cash flow and the annual audit.

Darrell Hooker — Chief Operating Officer
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Darrell facilitates the logistics and coordination of the operations of SVdP Thrift Stores, Family Support Centers, Food Recovery and Distribution Program and the Warehouse & Recycling program in Chamblee.

Elizabeth Sirk — Chief Development Officer
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Contact Elizabeth for food and clothing vouchers.

Sue Hansen — Controller
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Sue manages the accounting department and oversees financial reporting and other financial duties needed in day-to-day operations.

Jennifer Maxwell — Sr. Director of Vincentian Services
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Jennifer has responsibility for the formation and leadership development of all 73 Georgia Conferences. This includes Vincentian support, training, and meeting their operational and outreach needs.

Tara Johnson — Director of Administration
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Tara leads the overall daily office operations including office management, vendor relationships, benefits, payroll, IT, and record keeping.

Sonji Bates-Boston — Director of Human Resources
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Dr. Samantha Ricks — Director of Pharmacy
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Dr. Ricks is responsible for all aspects of the SVdP GA Pharmacy operations, growing our client base, and educational programs for those we serve. Contact Dr. Ricks for questions about client referrals to the pharmacy.

Mariel Risner Sivley — Director of Housing
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Mariel oversees our strategic and tactical housing related initiatives, including the Motel to Home program.

Ann Frazer — Corporate Giving Manager
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Ann is responsible for managing and growing our portfolio of corporate donors and supporters.

Eileen Parker — Case Manager
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Linda Gurrant — Operations Manager
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Linda manages the donation line and mapping for the truck drivers as well as processes and maintains EFSP (Emergency Food & Shelter Program) cases, schedules Conference pick-ups for the Food Distribution Program and coordinates Food and Clothing Drives.

Christa Frye — Volunteer/Community Outreach Coordinator
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Alejandra Cadiz — Caseworker (bi-lingual)
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Heidi Eveleigh — Program Manager
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Jazzmin A. Smith — Staff Accountant
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Ebony provides support to Thrift Stores and Conferences for financial reporting. Contact Ebony for information regarding monthly/annual reporting and treasury questions.

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