

THE SOCIETY PAGE

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA



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VINCENTIAN EVENT CALENDAR

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

The Conference Support Center will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of President's Day.

SVDP GEORGIA COUNCIL-LED ALL-DAY SPIRITUALITY RETREAT (IN-PERSON)

Saturday, February 25th
Check-in starts at 9:30AM
Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta, GA
[Register](#)

WEBINAR: SNAP (FOOD STAMPS) & SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Thursday, March 2nd
12PM-1PM
[Register](#)

HUNGER WALK RUN 2023

Saturday, March 12th
12PM-4PM
[Register](#)

Visit the [Formation section](#) on our website regularly for upcoming opportunities.

FEAST OF BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU FEBRUARY 7

"Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring them."

-Bl. Rosalie Rendu

WE ARE CALLED...



SPRING TO LIFE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Saturday, March 25th
Registration starts at 7:30AM
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Atlanta, GA
Event followed by Vincentian Vigil Mass at The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
See [page 6](#) for details.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear fellow Vincentians,

I am thrilled to be authoring my first Society Page article! Now five weeks into the next phase of my Vincentian journey, I am settling into my role as Executive Director and greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve you all.

I was first called to Vincentian life more than 22 years ago, sitting in a pew at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek and hearing a pulpit talk about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. But 120 years ago – in 1903! – a group of parishioners at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Atlanta were also called to serve. They answered that call and created the first St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Georgia, and in the 120 years that followed, literally tens of thousands of us have been called. Some of you perhaps only this year, others decades ago. I recently visited with two long-term Vincentians – Raul Trujillo and Jane Walker – who have been Vincentians since the early 1970s!

So what have we been called to do? Our Rule (yes, that Rule!) tells us: “Vincentians are called to journey together towards holiness.... They aspire to burn with the love of God as revealed by Christ and to deepen their faith and fidelity.” (section 1:2.2) I know from my own Vincentian experience that when we feel our

neighbors’ burdens – and what a blessing that we do share their burdens with them – we can lose our focus on our main calling: to grow closer to Christ through service to others. I’ve had the pleasure of visiting with several Conferences and Districts recently, and it seems many of us feel overburdened by the overwhelming needs of our neighbors – both in volume of those in need and the magnitude of their need. Worries about getting a rent check dropped off in time, or a utility payment made before a disconnect, or the queue of intake calls with limited casework resources – all of these create stress that can cloud our Vincentian purpose. So it is good to remember that what we are really called to is not to serve everyone who is in need, but to serve those we can with compassion and love, recognizing the two dimensions of our work – bringing the love of Christ to the suffering Christ.

I am so glad all of you have been called to this ministry! I hope you will all join us for Spring to Life next month, where the theme will be – you guessed it – We Are Called. It is our first major Vincentian gathering since pre-COVID at it will be a special celebration of our 120th anniversary! See [page 6](#) for details.

Peace, Mike

SVDP GEORGIA PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING VINCENTIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Prayers for Tom Thompson and Shirley Prendergast, and prayers of thanksgiving for Linda Page and Peggy DeGance, two of retiring caseworkers.
- Please pray for all those affected by the recent tornado.
- Drew Griffin - repose of his soul.
- Sarah Cate Nicol
- For the repose of the soul of Vincentian Marian Kaple of St. Thomas Aquinas conference.
- David McWilliams - Vincentian’s husband fighting prostate cancer.
- Margot Griffin - peace and consolation on the death of her husband.
- Joe Skillin-health and healing.
- Porshia Yeboah-Porshia's family in Africa have been dealing with the death of a loved one.
- Larry Goodman - Suffered stroke.
- Betty Molloy, IHM Spiritual Advisor - For a speedy recovery
- 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.

Submit Intentions Online- Please submit your Vincentian prayer requests/intentions online [HERE](#) to be included in Society Page.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW PRESIDENTS

Congratulations to **Denise Fisher**, who was recently elected to succeed Mike Mies as St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Council President! Denise had been serving as Interim President since Mike resigned to accept the role of Executive Director. Pursuant to the organization's bylaws, Denise will serve a term that ends on September 30, 2025. She had previously served as District 2 (North Fulton) President and Council Vice President.



Denise brings a wealth of Vincentian experience and an unmatched passion for serving our neighbors. She has been a Vincentian since 2009, when she became the founding Conference president at St. Andrew in Roswell. Denise is currently an active caseworker at the St. Benedict Conference in Johns Creek. She was also the founder of our Motel to Home program, which began as a pilot that she initiated in 2019.

To learn more about Denise's vision for SVdP Georgia, please read her platform statement [HERE](#).

Also, congratulations to **John Berry** on his election to National Council President! John, who retired in 2020 from SVdP Georgia, is a long-time National Board member and Regional Vice President. And he became Conference President at Transfiguration in Marietta after his retirement. John will succeed Ralph Middlecamp, whose term ends on September 3, 2023, and will serve a six-year term. If you were not aware of John's election, then you probably are not receiving Fredericks E-Gazette! Make sure you're signed up [HERE](#).

STAFF UPDATES

Congratulations also to **Jennifer Maxwell** and **Christa Frye** for their new positions! Jennifer Maxwell has been promoted to Sr. Director – Mission Integration. In this role, Jennifer will be assuming the expanded responsibilities that had been carried out by Jerry Veltri before his retirement, and will ensure that our Vincentian mission and values are incorporated into our Council activities. Jennifer will directly oversee the areas of Vincentian Services (Formation, Communication, and Resources), Council-based Casework, and Volunteer Engagement. Jennifer's management and organizational skills, Vincentian service, history with the organization, and passion for the mission make her an ideal fit for this role.

Christa Frye is assuming the newly-created role of Council Casework Manager, reporting to Jennifer. In this new role, Christa will manage and expand the casework services provided by the Council offices in Chamblee and Lakewood. With a goal of ensuring one or more caseworkers are available at all times in the Chamblee Family Support Center, Christa will recruit, train and supervise volunteer caseworkers to serve walk-in neighbors and those in areas not covered by Conference caseworkers. Christa will also be responsible for the Lakewood Family Support Center, and for grant-based casework and reporting. Christa brings tremendous casework experience, a history of developing Conference-based programs, and a passion for advocating for neighbors in need to this position.

WHAT'S IN A TITLE?

You may have noticed that Mike Mies' title is Executive Director, not CEO, and you may have wondered why? Mike believes the Executive Director title better reflects the servant leadership emphasized in the Rule. It also is a recognition that, within the Society, ultimate authority rests with elected leadership – at Conferences, Districts, Archdiocesan Councils or the National Council. Sometimes that authority is delegated to an Executive Director to manage the staff and daily affairs of the Council, under the direction of the President and Board.

SURVIVING THE OVERWHELMING TIMES WE ARE IN

BY SR. MARY FRANCIS POWER, ESEH | COUNCIL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR | SISTERMARYFRANCISPOWER@GMAIL.COM

Are we seeing more difficult times than we have ever experienced before? Without listing many of the sad details of what has happened to our economy, society, and loss of faith-filled Christians in this country, we know that the world we live in, could be far worse. And we know there are hidden blessings everywhere! Look for them. We will then begin to see how God works.

How do we remain positive, strong, and faith-filled to overcome these times? We keep going. We lean on our Catholic faith. We turn to God, Jesus, Mary, and all the Saints, for guidance.

Here are some ways to stay strong, to keep us on the right path...

Pray

Dedicate time to pray every day. Do this with an open heart and mind, to draw close to Our Lord, petitioning him for guidance on how to move forward, and thanking him for all we have, and all he has done for us. Surrender all our remaining concerns to God, through prayer. Give ourselves permission to be in the silence without distractions, no matter how busy we are.

Let Go

Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” Oftentimes we try to remedy everything with our intellectual knowledge. In my own experience, I have used the gifts God has given me (talents, abilities, knowledge, experience, wisdom); and after this, I give God the rest that is too much for me. I have learned to let go of the rest, through prayer, and trusting God. Almost always, when I approach life’s challenges this way, he will in fact, take care of the rest. These things will be in accordance with his will, not mine. And that’s okay, because he’s in charge, not me!

Receive the Sacraments

Participate with our whole heart and mind during the Mass. Offer Communion (Eucharist), praying for others, praying for this world, leadership of this country, the Catholic Church, our families, those who are sick, suffering, imprisoned, and homeless. Receive absolution during Confession, do Penance, and be at peace. We begin again. We keep going.

Serve the Suffering Christ

As Vincentians, this is our calling. When we serve others, our minds are preoccupied with their needs, not ours. We begin to see the world differently. Our burdens then seem less burdensome when we serve others, as their burdens seem so much worse. Remember that we cannot help everyone though. But we can certainly petition God for their needs. Surrender them to God through our prayers. We learn to spontaneously pray for them, whether it is on the phone, zoom call, or in-person. God doesn’t care which venue we use.

Rest

We keep in mind just how important rest is for us. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30) Give ourselves permission to rest.

Change

Make changes to our regimens in some way to accommodate our need for inner peace, and discernment of many things. Start going to Eucharistic Adoration for one hour each week, spending time with Jesus. Trek up a hill or mountain to spend time with God’s creation, and in the silence. Attend a Vincentian retreat. Begin going to daily Mass to sit in the stillness and to receive Our Lord. Develop new good positive habits; discontinue old negative habits.

Friendship

In our Vincentian friendships, share thoughts and feelings. Most importantly, actively listen to others to hear of their frustrations over an ever-increasing case load, and maybe not being able to help some of those who visit St. Vincent de Paul conferences for help, for example. Pray with each other. Wait for God’s graces, blessings, and gifts he bestows upon those who are in need, who are suffering, and on us as well. And God works in his timing, not ours, so we learn to be patient too.

As long as Jesus is the focus of everything in our day, following his teachings, whether it is a conference meeting, meeting with clients/neighbors, or interacting with others, we find ourselves with inner peace.

FORMATION & TRAINING

SVDP GEORGIA COUNCIL-LED ALL-DAY VINCENTIAN SPIRITUAL RETREAT | FEBRUARY 25

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023
CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL, ATLANTA
CHECK-IN STARTS AT 9:30AM

This retreat will include a sample of the Serving in Hope series, time for meditation and reflection, small group discussions, role play demonstrations of spontaneous prayer, Vincentian Stations of The Cross, singing, opening and closing prayers, confessions, and attendance at the Saturday Vigil Mass (if so desired).

Lunch and the retreat will be provided by SVdP Georgia Council.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

WEBINAR: SNAP (FOOD STAMPS) & SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY | MARCH 2

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2023
VIRUTAL
12PM - 1PM

Join us as we host Krystiona McLean, SVdP Georgia SNAP Case Manager, to learn the eligibility criteria and how to refer neighbors in need to SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps). We will also be joined by Corey Stubbs, MCJ, MRC, Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, who will share with us information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and inform us of how to refer neighbors in need to apply when they are experiencing homelessness.

All Vincentian Caseworkers are encouraged to attend this Webinar. This webinar will be recorded and made available on our website.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We are Called...

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023 | MARCH 25



SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

CRISTO REY JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

This is a rich, day-long opportunity to strengthen your vocation on a personal, spiritual, and practical level. We will welcome Bishop Tran as our celebrant for Vigil Mass at the Shrine, the site of the first Conference in Georgia **120 YEARS AGO!**

JOIN US! All Vincentians are encouraged to attend and bring a guest!

BREAKOUT SESSION MENU

- **We are Called...**
Diving into the Vincentian Vocation
- **Stronger Together**
Engaging Vincentians + Neighbors in diverse ways
- **Compassion Fatigue**
Caring for Ourselves While Caring for Others
- **Community Resource Expo**
Visit with 10+ Vendors Who Represent Resources Statewide!
- **Engaging in Landlord Engagement**
Collaborating with Landlords to Create Solutions
- **Affordable Housing: An Overview**
- **Food Pantry Best Practices**
Learn tactics and efficiencies for your food pantry
- **Help Me, Help My Neighbor!**
Behavioral Health Services for individuals with no insurance or Medicaid

SCHEDULE

- 7:30am Registration and Breakfast
 Part 1 - General Assembly & Keynote Speaker
 Part 2 – Breakout Session A
 Lunch
 Part 3 – Breakout Session B
 Part 4 – Breakout Session C
 4:00pm Part 5 – Vigil Mass at The Shrine

REGISTRATION

Attendance this year will be complimentary. Each Vincentian is invited to bring one guest. A registration link will be available in Formation & News eblast on February 27th.

HUNGER WALK/RUN | MARCH 12

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT: SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

IN-PERSON EVENT AT THE HOME DEPOT BACKYARD

EVENT TIME: 12 - 4PM



This year marks the 39th anniversary of Hunger Walk Run – taking steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

Register for Hunger Walk Run 2023 to support St. Vincent de Paul Georgia and sign up as a team captain, team member, or individual supporting your Conference or you can select to join the SVdP Conference Support Center.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR HUNGER WALK](#)

MORNING OF HOPE 2023 | MAY 16



TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

THE COBB GALLERIA CENTRE

RISE & SHINE MEET UP | 7:15AM

PROGRAM AND BREAKFAST | 8:15 - 9:15AM

[CLICK HERE FOR EVENT DETAILS, SPONSORSHIPS, FAQ SHEET](#)

Morning of Hope is a powerful one-of-a-kind, can't be missed experience unlike any other that reveals the power of hope.

The highly-anticipated 2nd Annual Morning of Hope provides powerful proof of why hope matters for individuals and families in poverty, amplifies voices of hope, and highlights exceptional work being done to help those in need and build communities of hope in Georgia.

A not-to-be-missed experience, Morning of Hope brings together community and corporate leaders, partners, stakeholders, advocates, and individuals to understand the power of hope, why investing in hope delivers impact and the good we do together through connection, compassion, and care.

And, of course, the event includes a delicious breakfast – you'll leave with a full stomach and a full heart!

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE!

TO REGISTER AS A TABLE CAPTAIN, A SPONSOR OR TO RSVP YOUR INDIVIDUAL SEAT, [CLICK HERE](#).

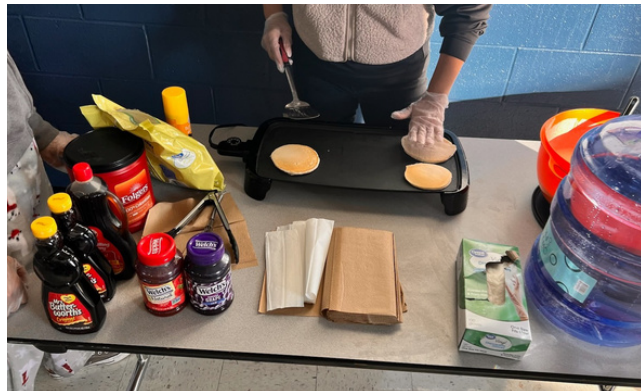
VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

ST. MATTHEW'S YOUNG VINCENTIANS GROUP ASSISTS LOCAL SHELTER

The Young Vincentians Group at St. Matthew, led by Nancy Sanchez, answered the call to assist with providing meals for a Clayton County shelter for the homeless this past Christmas. After shopping for supplies on Christmas Eve, six student members arrived early on Christmas morning at the shelter to help make a hot breakfast and pass out hygiene products to approximately 40 neighbors in need, comprised mostly of women and children.

“It’s exciting to be able to see such an amazing group of youth who are taking the initiative to bring a change to the community through servitude,” shared Nancy.

The St. Matthew Conference is proud to acknowledge the selfless acts of the Young Vincentians Group, and their leadership and demonstration of the power of our youth to positively impact the community.



MARY OUR QUEEN CONFERENCE DONATES BAGS OF FOOD TO SVDP GEORGIA FOOD PANTRY

Over Christmas break, Mary Our Queen Conference, in Norcross, GA received over 250+ bags of food from their local Ingles grocery store. After processing what they could use at their own Food Pantry, Mary Our Queen sent the rest (about 150 bags) down to the SVdP Georgia Food Pantry in Chamblee. The bags consisted of rice, beans and mac & cheese, which all came from \$5 donations made by Ingles’ customers.

Vincentians, Wes Bridwell and Jim Gaffey, along with Deacon Bill Boyd, helped pick up these bags to bring down to the SVdP Georgia Food Pantry. Thank you, Mary Our Queen Conference, for your donation!



CELEBRATING VINCENTIAN KUKY WOLF

The St. Lawrence Conference in Lawrenceville, GA celebrated Kuky Wolf's 80th birthday in early December as well as her retirement after 37 years as a Vincentian. Kuky began her Vincentian journey in 1984, translating letters in Spanish from Peru explaining how Conference donations were being used. From there, Kuky served as Thrift Store Cashier, Caseworker, Conference President (twice) and District Vice President. In addition to those roles, Kuky established a multitude of programs, including setting up a separate Spanish phone line (which she manned) and partnering with Ryan's to obtain free buffet vouchers for neighbors in need who received assistance from the Conference with temporary housing. She also started a frozen meat program with Kroger who provided donations of frozen meat to people waiting for food stamps. This program continues to this day via the Lawrenceville Food COOP.

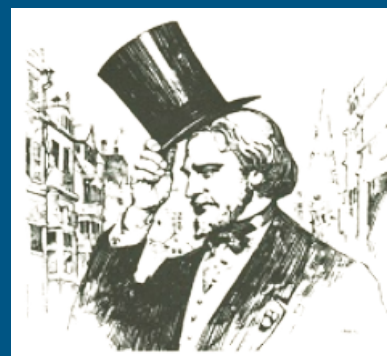
At the celebration hosted by Clare and Tom Gillis, Jennifer Maxwell, Sr. Director of Mission Integration, presented Kuky with a plaque in thanksgiving for all her years of service.



CALL FOR TOP HAT NOMINATIONS

Each year, the Top Hat Award is given at the Spring to Life Annual Assembly to a Vincentian who provides an outstanding example of the core Vincentian values of friendship, spirituality, and service. The "Top Hat" title is used to emphasize that the Society's founder, Frederic Ozanam, did not allow his social class, in which men wore top hats, to blind him to the needs of the poor in early nineteenth century France.

This year we will be back in person for this annual event on Saturday, March 25th and look forward to continuing the Top Hat Award. Please look out for nomination forms from your Conference President in the next couple of weeks!



COMMISSIONING AND RECOMMISSIONING VINCENTIANS AT ST. MATTHEW TYRONE

On December 4, 2022, the St. Matthew Tyrone Conference commissioned and recommissioned Vincentians and young Vincentians in a pinning ceremony led by Conference President, Sally Peters and Fr. Valery. During this ceremony, Vincentians were introduced, recognized, and installed as members. Jennifer Maxwell, Sr. Director, Mission Integration had the honor of celebrating Mass and participating in the ceremony.



“The celebration of new members is extremely important to maintain the vibrance of the works of St. Vincent de Paul and the impact each has on our local community” shared Judith Sebastian, Vincentian at St. Matthew Tyrone Conference.

In 2022, the St. Matthew Tyrone Conference helped over 621 neighbors in need in the Fayette and Fulton Counties with \$152,976 in financial assistance for housing, utilities, transportation, medical needs, and food. “By introducing and recognizing the service of our Vincentians, we not only help our congregation identify those helping to distribute the funds entrusted to our Conference, but also share the results of what their contributions have done for our community”.

OUR FIRST IN-PERSON VINCENTIAN UNIVERSITY FORMATION SINCE 2019!

After three years of virtual formation, on January 21st, 2023, we held our first in-person District 8-wide Vincentian University, hosted by St. Catherine Laboure Conference.

A BIG THANK YOU to District 8 President, Dennis Morgan, St. Catherine Laboure Vincentians and Conference President, Joanne Mauro. Thank you, Jackson EMC and all the Vincentians who helped with set-up, breakfast, and breakdown. A special thanks to Mike Bulls for his IT expertise and help, as well as formators Tracye Neal and Sister Mary Francis.

Our next District-wide Vincentian University will be held on April 15th, 2023, in District 7 at Christ our King & Savior.





MOTEL2HOME & CONFERENCE COLLABORATION

The SVdP Georgia Motel2Home program recently received an email from caseworker, Frances Rodriguez, at Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA). Frances was working with a neighbor in need, Carol (not her real name), who owed several months of back rent for her apartment. Carol had been off work for seven months due to a serious medical condition. She ran out of paid time off and was surviving on her savings, until she ran out of that as well. Carol is a single mother of two school aged children struggling to maintain housing, while also dealing with poor health.

Motel2Home received some rental assistance for Fulton County and was able to clear almost all of the back rent that Carol owed. The OLA Conference was able to contribute towards the amount owed as well, which allowed Carol and her children to stay housed.

Carol is going to be cleared to return to work shortly and with the help from the OLA Conference and the Motel2Home program, she and her family will be able to move forward to stability once again.

MOTEL TO HOME UPDATE

Funding for Motel to Home is now available for the following 13 counties:

- Butts
- Cherokee
- Clayton
- Cobb
- Coweta
- DeKalb
- Douglas
- Fayette
- Fulton
- Gwinnett
- Henry
- Paulding
- Rockdale

To learn more, visit the [Motel 2 Home Program webpage](#).

SVDP GEORGIA DONATION BINS

We need your assistance with donation bins!

Did you know?

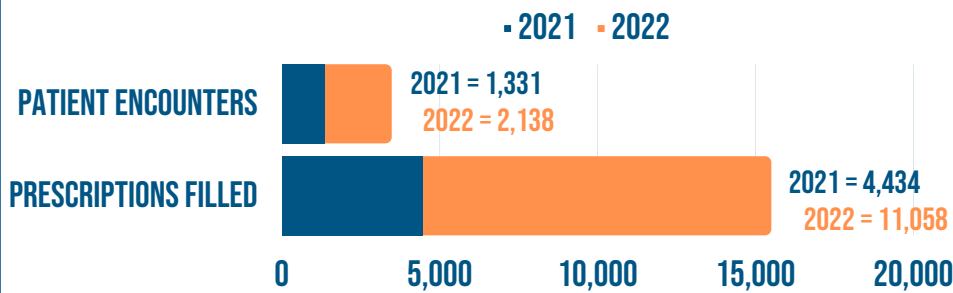
- Clothing collected in SVdP Georgia donation bins is distributed to neighbors in need, both locally and abroad.
- Donations help to offset the cost of SVdP Georgia programs.
- Recycling and distributing keeps over 1 million pounds of clothing out of the landfills!

If your Conference is within a 20-mile radius of the CSC and is interested in having a SVdP Georgia donation bin on site, please contact Darrell Hooker at dhooker@svdpgeorgia.org.



SVDP GEORGIA PHARMACY 2022 IN REVIEW

OVERALL PHARMACY STATS



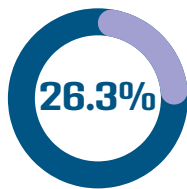
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2021 = \$563,819.07
2022 = \$1,460,551.54

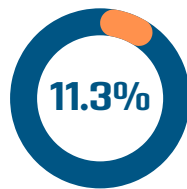
TOP REFERRAL SOURCES



Mercy Care



Conferences



Piedmont

COUNTIES SERVED

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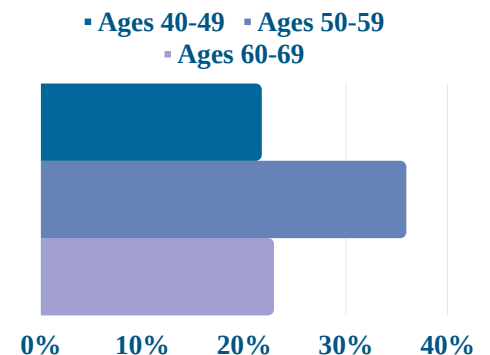
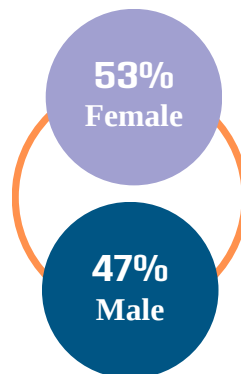
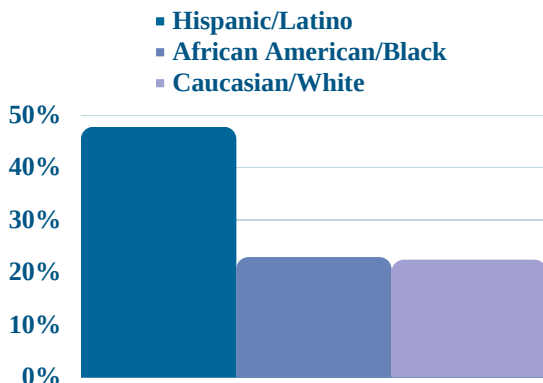
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DEMOGRAPHICS



IN THE NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA'S COMMUNITY PHARMACY CELEBRATES TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | CW69 ATLANTA

February 3, 2023

CHAMBLEE, Ga. (WUPA) — A local community pharmacy is changing lives and helping those who need it most, one prescription at a time.

[FULL ARTICLE & VIDEO](#)



CHAMBLEE CHARITY PHARMACY HELPS THOUSANDS AFFORD THEIR MEDICATIONS | FOX 5

February 3, 2023

Many families are struggling financially these days. In some cases, people have to choose between buying food or filling their prescriptions. A pharmacy is helping those in need with free medications.

[FULL ARTICLE & VIDEO](#)



PACKING SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SVDP GEORGIA PHARMACY!

Items needed on an ongoing basis:

- Boxes: small & medium
- Bubble wrap
- Packing tape
- Mailers: All types (bubble, polyethylene, envelopes, etc)

DROP OFF PACKING SUPPLIES BY THE BACK DOOR OF PHARMACY.

QUESTIONS? Please give us a call at 770-687-2610 or knock on the back door.



SVDP GEORGIA MARKETING POSTERS & BROCHURES

Are you looking for marketing material to display and/or handout at your next ministry fair or recruitment drive? Please visit the Marketing Toolbox section on our [member website](#). Scroll to the bottom and fill out the “Request Marketing Material” form.

FORMATION & NEWS EBLASTS

Don't miss out on formation events, news, and other SVdP Conference Support Center updates. Sign up to receive Formation & News emails [HERE](#).

REMINDER: LEADERSHIP UPDATES

If you have had any changes in leadership within your Conference or District, please provide those updates to Jennifer Maxwell, Sr. Director, Mission Integration, at jmaxwell@svdpgeorgia.org.

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.

CONSIDER A CAREER WITH SVDP

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?



CURRENT OPENINGS
(CLICK FOR JOB DESCRIPTION):

[Communications Manager](#)

[Grants Manager](#)

[Hunger Initiatives Program Director](#)

[Staff Accountant](#)

[Staff Pharmacist](#)

[Thrift Store Operations Director](#)

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to [Sonji Bates-Boston](#).

VISIT OUR CAREERS PAGE

PROVIDING HELP AND HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED

Henry Hagan was looking for a rewarding way to spend his retirement after having worked as a banker and CPA. Although a lifelong Catholic, he was looking for ways to integrate his day-to-day activities with his faith while adhering to Catholic social teaching. Previously, he offered his money but not as much of his time.

Henry heard his calling a year and a half ago when he became a Vincentian at Immaculate Heart of Mary. "SVdP Georgia's mission of providing help and hope to achieve stability and move toward self-sufficiency spoke to me," shared Henry. He started off volunteering at the SVdP Georgia Food Pantry on Saturdays, and shortly after, he began casework at the Conference Support Center on Tuesdays in response to a call for volunteers.

When asked about his Vincentian journey, Henry shared that he recently encouraged a neighbor in need to request a raise from her employer. Despite being employed, she found herself in need of basic necessities like food. And, although she worked hard and was loyal, she didn't think to ask for a raise after all these years because she didn't want to burden her employer. "These types of cases where I'm able to help others build their confidence and realize their potential are particularly rewarding," said Henry.



"Being a Vincentian Caseworker at the Conference Support Center allows me to get to know members of our community who have encountered a financial or medical hardship, to listen to their situations, and to assist them in getting back to financial stability."

- Henry Hagan

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE? BECOME A CASEWORKER!

We are looking for Vincentian caseworkers to volunteer on site at the SVdP Georgia Conference Support Center each week to help neighbors in need (in areas not covered by Conferences) with financial and food assistance, benefits screening, education on resources, and more. No casework experience necessary - we will train you!

Two- and four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, please contact Christa Frye, Council Casework Manager, at cfrye@svdpgeorgia.org.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT CENTER STAFF

Mike Mies – Executive Director

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Mike 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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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, Mission Integration

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Jennifer oversees Vincentian Services (Formation, Communication, and Resources), Council-based Casework, and Volunteer Engagement to ensure the Vincentian mission and values are incorporated into our Council activities.

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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Sonji performs general clerical tasks and personnel oversight to ensure effective day to day operations.

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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Eileen coordinates casework at the Lakewood and Dallas Family Support Centers. Contact Eileen if you have questions regarding casework or community resources.

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 – Council Casework Manager

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Christa manages casework services provided by the Council office in Chamblee and Lakewood serving walk-in neighbors in areas not covered by Conferences.

Alejandra Cadiz – Caseworker (bi-lingual)

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Alejandra performs casework for our Motel to Home Program and Rapid Rehousing Program Initiatives.

Krystiona “Krys” McLean – SNAP Case Manager

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Heidi Eveleigh – Program Manager

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Heidi provides program administration and casework for our Motel to Home program and Rapid Rehousing Program Initiatives.

Laura Gibbs – Program Manager

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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.

Alyssa Speranza – Development Coordinator

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Alyssa is responsible for donor database management, events coordination and small donor engagement and recognition.

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