

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



## WE ARE CALLED...

*Diving into the Vincentian Vocation*

Facilitated by District 2 Spiritual Advisor, Rizza Bella Hohenstern, MPS, CSD, this course will offer Vincentians at all levels of service an opportunity to savor the initial call of becoming a Vincentian and to reflect on specific encounters with Neighbors in Need and Vincentian activities that make the call personal, tangible, and enlivening.

*We all remember how we started getting involved in SVDP. Often it appears to be some personal decision we've made to help others. It is also the work of God, and I hope to help members become more aware of God's special invitation to them both then and now not only to love our Neighbors in Need but also to receive the love of God for themselves. - Rizza*

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES EXPO

*Visit Agencies Offering Resources Statewide*

The nature of this course is to offer a free-flow environment where you can explore numerous community resources we have assembled to help you in your casework with Neighbors in Need statewide. The expo will take place in the gymnasium and offer an opportunity for you to dialogue with other Vincentians as well as learn what's available in a social, casual setting.

Agencies include Social Security Administration, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Holy Family Counseling Center, Healthcare Navigators with Georgians for a Healthy Future, Habitat NCG, Senior Services of North Fulton, CHRIS 180 - @ Promise Programs, Cure Violence Atlanta, Cure Violence Southwest Atlanta, Teen Violence Reduction Program, Mosaic Georgia - care for rape victims, Trauma Response Network, Westside Community Center, CSB- Bridge Health, Money Management International, Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency, and more.

## STRONGER TOGETHER

*Interactive Q&A with Fellow Servant Leaders*

Join SVdP Georgia Executive Director, Mike Mies, and Council President, Denise Fisher in a casual, interactive setting to learn more about the Council's goals and objectives as well as provide feedback on existing programs, services and input on the needs of your Conference and neighbors.

# SPRING TO LIFE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## COMPASSION FATIGUE

*Caring for Ourselves While Caring for Others*

Kathy Woerner, LCSW of DSF Educational Pursuits will facilitate an introduction to "Compassion Fatigue" and how it differs from Burnout. Vincentians will be led in group activity to engage in safely exploring your own relationship with compassion fatigue and/or burnout, identify realistic tools and resources to overcome it, as well as time for Q&A.

## ENGAGING IN LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT

*Collaborating with Landlords to Create Solutions*

Our Neighbors in Need spend countless hours scouring real estate listings, looking for Affordable Housing. They make phone calls, fill out dozens of applications, and pay expensive application and background and credit report fees. This process takes time and money and can lead to heartbreaking rejections. Some acceptances are at undesirable tenancies, that may be blighted and unsafe and unfit. Join us to learn how a landlord engagement program can help identify mission-driven landlords and learn what landlord support is needed from us for them to accept our referrals and want to contact us first with a vacancy.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING: AN OVERVIEW

*What is considered to be 'Affordable Housing', how is it created and how can we get more of it? Learn about models of Affordable Housing, background info on the stock in Georgia, and the current landscape of development. The course will also discuss the partners needed to create Affordable Housing and basic funding models. You will gain an understanding of the basic funding models and the key partners needed to begin to explore the creation of affordable housing in their community.*

## FOOD PANTRY BEST PRACTICES

*Learn Tactics and Efficiencies for Your Food Pantry*

Facilitated by our new Hunger Initiative Director, Adam Seely, enjoy a sneak peek session into small and large food pantries run by Conferences serving a wide range of communities. You will learn how each food pantry was created and understand how each now operates.

## HELP ME, HELP MY NEIGHBOR!

*Behavioral Health Services for individuals with no insurance or Medicaid*

Peter Attridge, LMFT, Clinical Director of Holy Family Counseling Center will share services and resources available across the state and how to access them for individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, low- income Medicaid or Medicare, who need treatment and support to cope with mental illness, substance abuse, and intellectual and developmental disabilities.