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THE SOCIETY PAGE

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



[SVDPGEORGIA.ORG/MEMBERS](https://svdpgeorgia.org/members)

VINCENTIAN EVENT CALENDAR

WORKFORCE WEDNESDAY JOB FAIR

Wednesday, February 28th
10:00AM-1:00PM
Chamblee Support Center, Atlanta, GA
[Information](#)

TOWN HALL

Thursday, February 29th
12:00PM-1:30PM
Zoom Meeting
[Register](#)

OZANAM ORIENTATION (IN-PERSON)

Thursday, February 29th and March 7th
6:00PM-9:00PM
St. Jude Catholic Church, Atlanta, GA
[Register](#)

HUNGER WALK RUN 2024

Saturday, March 10th
12PM-4PM
[Register](#)

HOUSING LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, March 20th
12PM-1PM
[Register](#)

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



Spring
To Life

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
Live Vincentian

SPRING TO LIFE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Saturday, April 27th

St. Pius X High School

See [page 7](#) for details.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MIKE MIES | MMIES@SVDPGORGIA.ORG | 678-892-6160

Dear fellow Vincentians,

“Love your neighbor.” This simple commandment appears several times in the Gospels (e.g. Mt 19:19 and 22:39, Mk 12:31, and Lk 10:27), as well as in the Old Testament and in the Epistles. It is, of course, the second of the two greatest commandments, which we often see summarized on a bumper sticker that says, “Love God, Love People.”

It is a simple summary of the Vincentian vocation. When we love (and serve) our neighbors, we are loving and serving Jesus himself. (Mt 25:31-46)

And it also just happens to be the theme of our annual Spring to Life assembly and upcoming Vincentian membership campaign: Love Your Neighbor; Live Vincentian. At Spring to Life, we will be sharing the details of this significant recruitment campaign. The objective will be to help recruit new members for your Conferences by offering the opportunity for our fellow Catholics (and others) to join us in living their call to Love Your Neighbor by becoming a Vincentian.

There are two primary reasons for us to embark on this membership campaign. First, we need more Vincentians! At almost every District or Conference meeting I attend, I hear the same thing: “We are overwhelmed. We cannot keep up with the number of calls we are getting. We need more intake volunteers, we need more caseworkers, we need more help in the pantry.” I hear you!



Second, we want to share what we have with others. What do you do when you discover a great deal on something? You share it! You want your friends and loved ones to benefit from the same great deal. It should be the same with our Vincentian vocation. If we are growing as Christians through our Vincentian service, we should want to share that joy with others and invite them into the Vincentian vocation.

We hope you will join us on April 27th for Spring to Life and learn more about this campaign. We also want your input on workshop topics that you are interested in. See page 7 for details. We look forward to a wonderful day of fellowship, reflection and learning.

In the meantime, very best wishes for a blessed Lenten season,

Mike

SVDP GEORGIA PRAYER LIST

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

- Jeff Babb for healing and recovery
- Elizabeth Sirk for healing and recovery
- For the Holy Spirit to guide our work and our donors that support our mission.
- For Those discerning to be Vincentians
- For the repose of the soul of Suzanne Smith
- For the repose of the soul of Nicolette Collazo
- For the repose of the soul of Norma Lane
- For our fellow Vincentians who 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

LENTEN REFLECTION

DEACON BILL BOYD | COUNCIL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR | BBOYD@SVDPGORGIA.ORG |

Fellow Vincentians,

Fasting, Prayer, Alms, these are the great practices of Lent. During this holy season, we look hard at these practices in our lives. Our lives should be about following the will of God. The history of Lent goes back to the 3rd century with a 40 day period of preparation prior to Easter. Lent involves the 40 days excluding Sundays from Ash Wednesday to Easter as the Church observes this time for penitence and fasting.

Lent is directed at our hearts and our relationship with God. Pope Francis reminds us that, "Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that should foster change and conversion in each of us." We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us as we are called to leave behind the old habits in our lives that deceive and ensnare us in Sin."

Several days ago, I saw a t-shirt that said: Money, Power, Respect. This motto on this T-shirt is the theme of Jesus being tempted 3 times by Satan. These temptations involve: Pleasures such as money, power and glory and respect. Jesus rejects each of these 3 attempts by Satan and gives glory to God with each attempt. This is the lesson for us. We need to make God the center of our lives and we are not to test God. We may at times share in these 3 temptations that Jesus faced. Jesus gives us the example of how we should respond to these same 3 temptations in our own lives.

The desert is a place for spiritual growth where we are to focus on the things that should be most important and fundamental in our lives. We are called to move past the distractions and diversions in our lives as we focus on Christ. Jesus did not deal with sin as we do as He is God, He is sinless. Jesus did face temptation and we can identify with that.

Thomas Aquinas tells us that, if you want Beatitude-happiness then we must despise what Jesus despised on the cross and love what He loved on the cross. Jesus despised the three primary addictions of pleasure, power and glory. He was stripped of his garments as we meditate on station #10 as we pray the Stations of the Cross. He was detached of pleasure. He had no power and no glory. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus had our sins nailed on the cross. What did Jesus love on the cross: He loved the will of His father and to do His mission to the very end which was to be detached from these temptations, to be pure of heart and to do the will of the Father.

These three temptations that our Lord undergoes by the devil remind us how we should use this Lenten season to prioritize God and not sensual pleasures. We should not focus on power and glory but rather the will of God. We should strive to not be me-centered, instead, to be Christ centered in all that we do. Ask yourself: What is my relationship to money, power and glory?

Each Lent we are called to grow closer to Christ. We are called to go to the desert, a place free of distractions, and in our spiritual development to further open our hearts to the will of Christ in our lives.

As St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "If then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the Way."

Deacon Bill

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

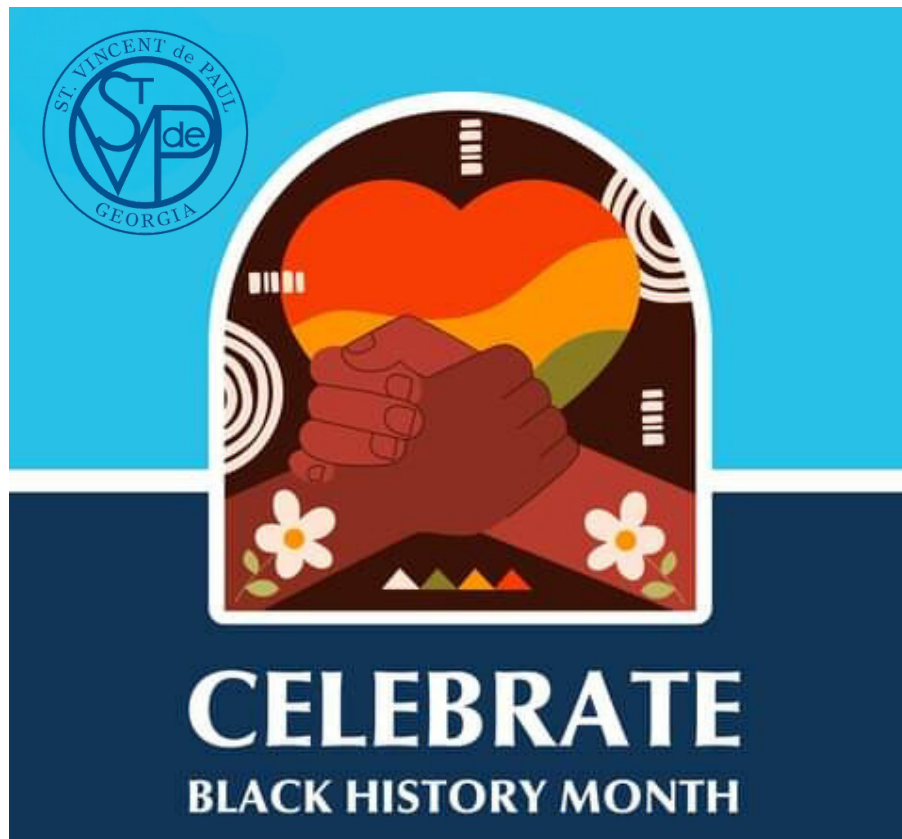
BY GINA WILSON | VINCENTIAN SERVICES MANAGER | GWILSON@SVDPGORGIA.ORG

Black History Month encompasses various facets: it serves as an opportunity to honor the achievements of Black individuals who have contributed to our Catholic Church and the broader world. This month also allows us to acknowledge the ongoing oppression and prejudice faced by Black Americans and underscore the collective responsibility of all people to dismantle oppressive systems and amplify the voices of those impacted. Our works as Vincentians allow us to do just that.

The Catholic Church embodies a mosaic of faithful individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds, spanning generations, genders, and cultural contexts. In essence, Catholics, like Vincentians, hail from all corners of human experience, united by our shared baptismal commitment. As a Black Catholic, my religious lineage traces back to biblical times, notably when Saint Philip the Apostle evangelized Ethiopia (see Acts 8:26-40). African and African American saints, celebrated in resources like [Catholic Online](#), have enriched the Church for centuries. Moreover, the contemporary era witnesses Black individuals being considered for sainthood, as highlighted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' collection titled "[On the Path to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent](#)." I encourage all to delve into the biographies of these figures, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the Body of Christ, echoing the Apostle Paul's exhortation in Romans 12:4-5.

Guided by our commitment to Jesus Christ, Vincentians draw inspiration from His commandments: to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31) and to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). As Vincentians, we translate these teachings into action. Genuine charity and prayer precede every endeavor toward healing and reconciliation. These endeavors are executed through our home visits, grounded in the Gospel's imperatives, and exemplify our devotion to St. Vincent de Paul's teachings.

At St. Vincent de Paul, we embrace the ethos of courageous hospitality, extending warmth and inclusivity to all, irrespective of race, proximity, or temporality. We offer this commitment before the Lord, aspiring that through our words, actions, prayers, and deeds, we may advance the kingdom of heaven on earth, fostering peace for all. As Vincentians, our endeavors empower us to nurture our faith through acts of love, charity, and justice, paving the way for racial healing and reconciliation throughout the world.



FORMATION & TRAINING

WEBINAR: SVDP GEORGIA TOWN HALL | FEBRUARY 29

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

VIRTUAL

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Join us to learn about how SVdP Georgia programs are growing and changing to help meet the needs of our neighbors!

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



OZANAM ORIENTATION TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS!

Whether you've been a Vincentian for two days or two decades, this 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. Throughout the sessions we will cover the topics of Mission, History, Spirituality, Structure and Home Visits in a lively and interactive way.

THURSDAYS, FEB 29TH & MAR 7TH, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

7171 GLENRIDGE DRIVE, ATLANTA, GA 30328

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**breakfast at 8:30am*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 BOULEVARD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30312

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

HUNGER WALK/RUN | MARCH 10

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

IN-PERSON EVENT AT THE HOME DEPOT BACKYARD

EVENT TIME: 12 - 4PM



This year marks the 40th anniversary of Hunger Walk Run – taking steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

Register for Hunger Walk Run 2024 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](#)

HOUSING LUNCH AND LEARN | MARCH 20



During this webinar we will:

Learn about the origins and operations of House of Dreams, which has capacity for eight women without children, from Laura Gibbs, Council Case Worker and Grant Administrator.

Learn about the origins and operations of St. Michael's House, which serves 2 single-parent households with minor children, from Lori O' Sullivan, Vincentian at St. Michael the Archangel, Woodstock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

CHAMBLEE SUPPORT CENTER

12:00PM - 1:00PM

You will be inspired by this work!

All Vincentian Caseworkers are encouraged to attend. This webinar will be recorded and made available on the member website.

Please register to join us virtually by Zoom, or in person at the Chamblee Family Support Center.

Lunch will be included for in-person attendees.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2024 | APRIL 27



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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

This is a rich, day-long opportunity to strengthen your vocation on a personal, spiritual, and practical level. Registration for the event opens on March 11, 2024. Be sure to reserve your place early and spread the word among our Vincentian community.

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 March 11th.

WE NEED YOU!!!

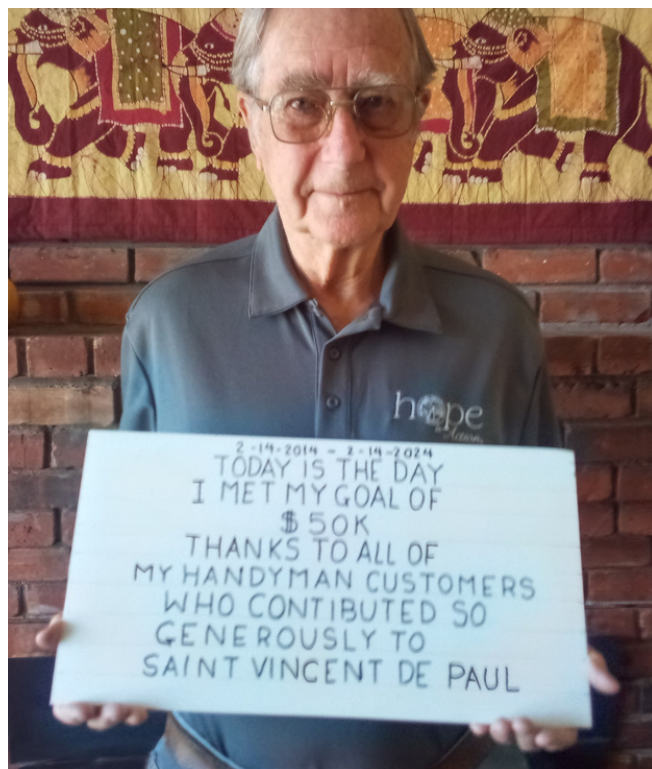
In our ongoing pursuit of excellence and growth, we are excited to announce the Spring to Life Engagement Survey. At the heart of the Spring to Life Engagement Survey is the opportunity for each of us to contribute our insights, perspectives, and preferences into program for 2024. By participating in this survey, you have the power to influence the selection of workshops that will be offered, providing valuable input on topics that resonate most deeply with you and your fellow Vincentians.

[CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE!](#)

We urge each and every one of you to take a few moments to complete the Spring to Life Engagement Survey. Your participation is invaluable and deeply appreciated. Together, let us seize this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to excellence, growth, and service to those in need.

Thank you for your dedication and unwavering support.

WORKING IN ST. VINCENT'S VINEYARD - THANK YOU TO DIRK VANDERGRINTEN



It started small - Dirk VanDerGrinten decided the best way he could Work in the Vineyard was to offer his reliable handyman services to parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) and have all the money paid by the customer go directly to IHM's St. Vincent DePaul Conference.

Always skilled with tools and home care maintenance, Dirk also excelled at customer satisfaction. He has a logbook of all his projects and the thanks for a job well done from his customers.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HANDYMAN



If you need a handyman to help you with various small jobs around your house, you could obtain some help by hiring a Safe Environment approved volunteer from the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference to help you with your work. Simply make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference for \$25.00 for every hour the volunteer spends on your job. This is a win, win, win situation: we help you, you help the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference, and the St. Vincent de Paul helps the many people in need. So if you need some assistance with small jobs around the house, call 770-986-4996 and ask for Dirk.

IHM would like to thank and honor Dirk VanDerGrinten for his tremendous achievements. At exactly 10 years to the day, Dirk raised \$50,000 for IHM St. Vincent DePaul Society!

We salute Dirk and thank him for his years of service to IHM St. Vincent DePaul!!!

DOWNLOAD THE VINCENTIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we embark on the sacred journey of Lent, we invite you to deepen your spiritual practice by participating in the Vincentian Stations of the Cross. This booklet provides a contemplative meditation on the sufferings of Christ, drawing parallels between His journey to Calvary and the experiences of those living in poverty and marginalization today. Through poignant reflections and prayers, we are invited to walk alongside Jesus as He carries His cross, encountering the faces of the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized along the way.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Vincentian Stations of the Cross.

Set aside time during the Lenten season to journey through the Stations of the Cross, using the reflections and prayers provided in the booklet.

Invite your fellow Vincentians, parishioners, friends, and family members to join you in this meaningful devotional practice. Together, we can support and uplift one another on our Lenten journey and bear witness to the transformative power of Christ's love and mercy.



DOWNLOAD AND CUSTOMIZE 2023 FINANCIAL IMPACT REPORT



As we reflect on the past year and the incredible impact of our collective efforts as Vincentians, we are excited to share with you a valuable resource to help highlight and celebrate your good works within our parishes: the 2023 Financial Impact Report.

This graphic provides a quick, colorful overview of the financial contributions and charitable activities undertaken by your Conference throughout the year. By sharing this report with your parish community, you have the opportunity to showcase the tangible difference that your Conference has made in the lives of those in need.

****How to Access the Report:****

- **Download the Report**:** [CLICK HERE](#) to download the 2023 Financial Impact Report
- **Customize with Your Conference Data**:** The report is designed to be easily customizable. Simply input the financial data and statistics specific to your Conference's activities in 2023.

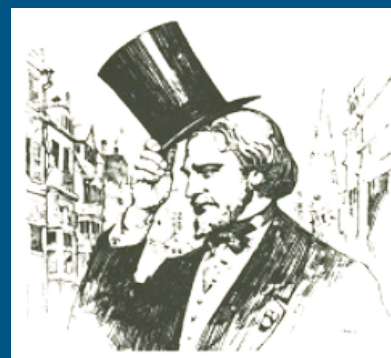
3. ****Share with Your Parish**:** Once customized, distribute the report to your parish community through newsletters, bulletin inserts, parish meetings, or other communication channels. Use this opportunity to raise awareness about the work of St. Vincent de Paul and inspire others to join us in our mission of serving those in need.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to share the story of your conference's impact and inspire others to join us in our mission of serving those in need with compassion and love. Thank you for your continued dedication to the mission of St. Vincent de Paul. Together, let us continue to be a beacon of hope and assistance to those who need it most.

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 Vincentian elements 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, April 27th 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!



THANKS TO GEORGIA POWER!



SVdP Georgia has been awarded \$50,000 in direct aid to our neighbors in need for the Chamblee Support Center through Georgia Power! An additional \$50,000 is available to all Conferences via the Council Twinning fund for requests for emergency rental and utility assistance. Contact Gina Wilson, Vincentian Services Manager, at gwilson@svdpgeorgia.org for details on qualifications for Council Twinning.

The Guardian Society DEFENDERS. PROTECTORS. KEEPERS.

The Guardian Society was launched on Valentine's Day. This giving society at St. Vincent de Paul Georgia recognizes donors who make monthly unrestricted contributions to the Council to support the mission. In 2023, more than 100 donors provided funds to help us maintain a strong financial foundation and the flexibility to respond and serve 191,638 neighbors. Throughout the year members will receive updates on the impact of their giving and information on neighbors touched by their giving. Additionally, they will have special opportunities to engage with each other and the mission. To learn more about becoming a member of The Guardian Society, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Elizabeth Ivey at eivey@svdpgeorgia.org.

GEORGIA BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SPONSORS SVDP PHARMACY

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia (SVdP) is honored to have the continued support of Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation (GBHCFM). We were recently awarded \$100,000! Funding through Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation provides the needed enhancements to assure neighbors all over the state receive necessary medications. SVdP Georgia has the only charitable Pharmacy in the state - which makes funding from GBHCFM impactful, meaningful and for some, lifesaving.



WINTER 2024



Spotlight

THE MISSION

The gifts of your time, talent and treasure bring Help and Hope to Georgia neighbors in need.

THE SPOTLIGHT

We invite you to read the inaugural addition of Spotlight - our quarterly newsletter that shares the good news and tremendous impact we are having in the community as a result of our generous supporters! This first issue focuses on The Mission of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. We hope you enjoy it! [CLICK HERE](#) to read.



THANKS, AGAIN, TO APTO SOLUTIONS!!!!

Our Executive Director, Mike Mieswas pleased to welcome Tim Farrow of APTO Solutions with his donation of 123 refurbished Lenovo Laptops. This shipment is part of a continuing partnership with APTO where they are generously donating the computers for our neighbors to utilize when moving into stable housing, securing new jobs and/or going off to college or continuing education. The Motel to Home financial literacy sessions could not happen without this partnership.

We are incredibly excited and grateful for APTO's generous support of our mission!!!

. Caseworkers who are in need of laptops for their Neighbors in Need should contact Christa Frye, Council Casework Manager, at cfrye@svdpgorgia.org.

2024 SVDP VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM



The SVdP VITA Program is designed to assist neighbors who have annual income of \$60,000 or less, file their tax returns at no cost. Taxes are prepared by qualified and trained VITA Volunteers who have dedicated their time to support our communities. The SVdP VITA Program will conclude at the end of the tax season on April 15, 2024.

This Program is funded in part by the United Way of Greater Atlanta in collaboration with the Internal Revenue Service.

As we are right in the midst of tax season, we are prepared to assist our neighbors in need in 3 locations. Beginning on January 29th, neighbors can contact the SVdP VITA Appointment line at 770-687-2612 to schedule an appointment at one of the following locations:

- SVdP Conference Support Center - 2050 C Chamblee Tucker Road Atlanta, GA 30341
- SVdP Dallas VITA Tax Location - 651 W. Memorial Drive, Dallas GA 30132
- SVdP Lakewood VITA Tax (drop-off/pick-up only) Location - 1700 Lakewood Avenue SE Atlanta, GA 30315

If you have additional questions please contact Christa Frye, SVdP Council Casework Manager at 678.892.6170 or by email at cfrye@svdpgorgia.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA

2023 IN REVIEW

191,638

Neighbors in
Need Helped

550,000

Volunteer Hours

28,477

Personal Visits

Decrease food
insecurity
and increase
food access



More than 90% of our revenue goes
to programs and services supporting
our neighbors in need

➔ **\$26.1M**
Revenue

➔ **\$23.8M**
Direct Aid

➔ **720,016 lbs.**
Food recovered

- 40 Community Food Pantries
- Food Recovery + Distribution Program
- SVdP Georgia Teaching Kitchen
- Nutrition Education
- SNAP Benefits Assistance

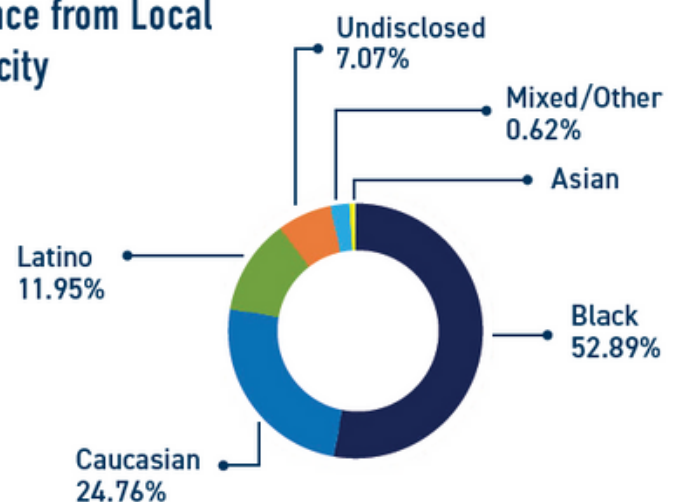
➔ **1,961,996 lbs.**
Food distributed

➔ **194**
Families moved
from motels to homes

Increase
Housing Stability

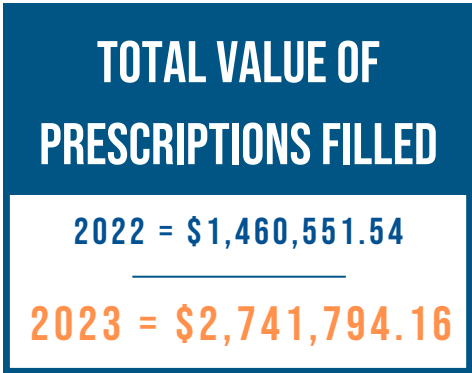
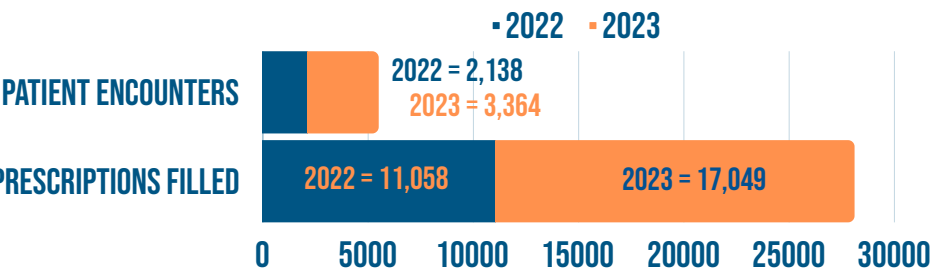
- Eviction Prevention
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Motel 2 Home Program
- Temporary + Transitional Housing
- Life Skills + Financial Education
- Clothing + Furniture + Household Items

Financial Assistance from Local
Chapters by Ethnicity

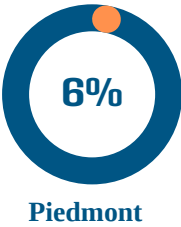
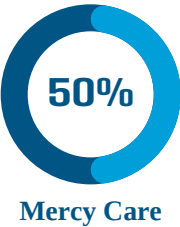


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA PHARMACY 2023 IN REVIEW

OVERALL PHARMACY STATS



TOP REFERRAL SOURCES



COUNTIES SERVED

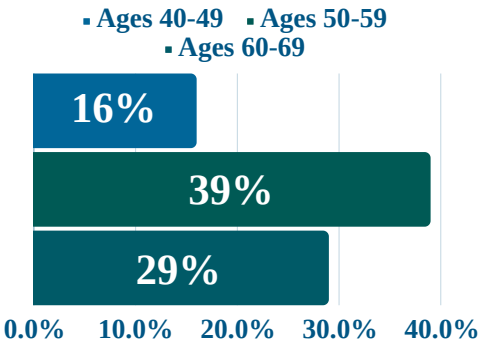
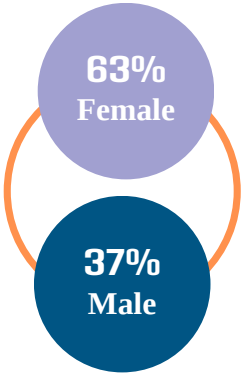
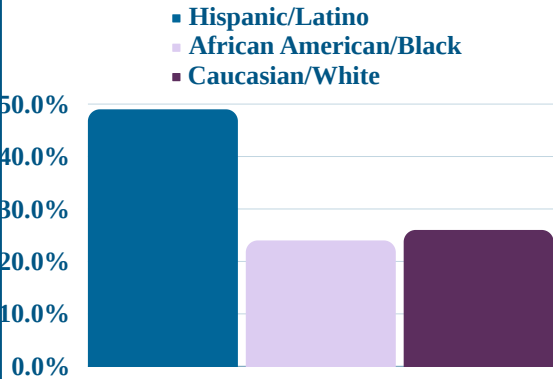
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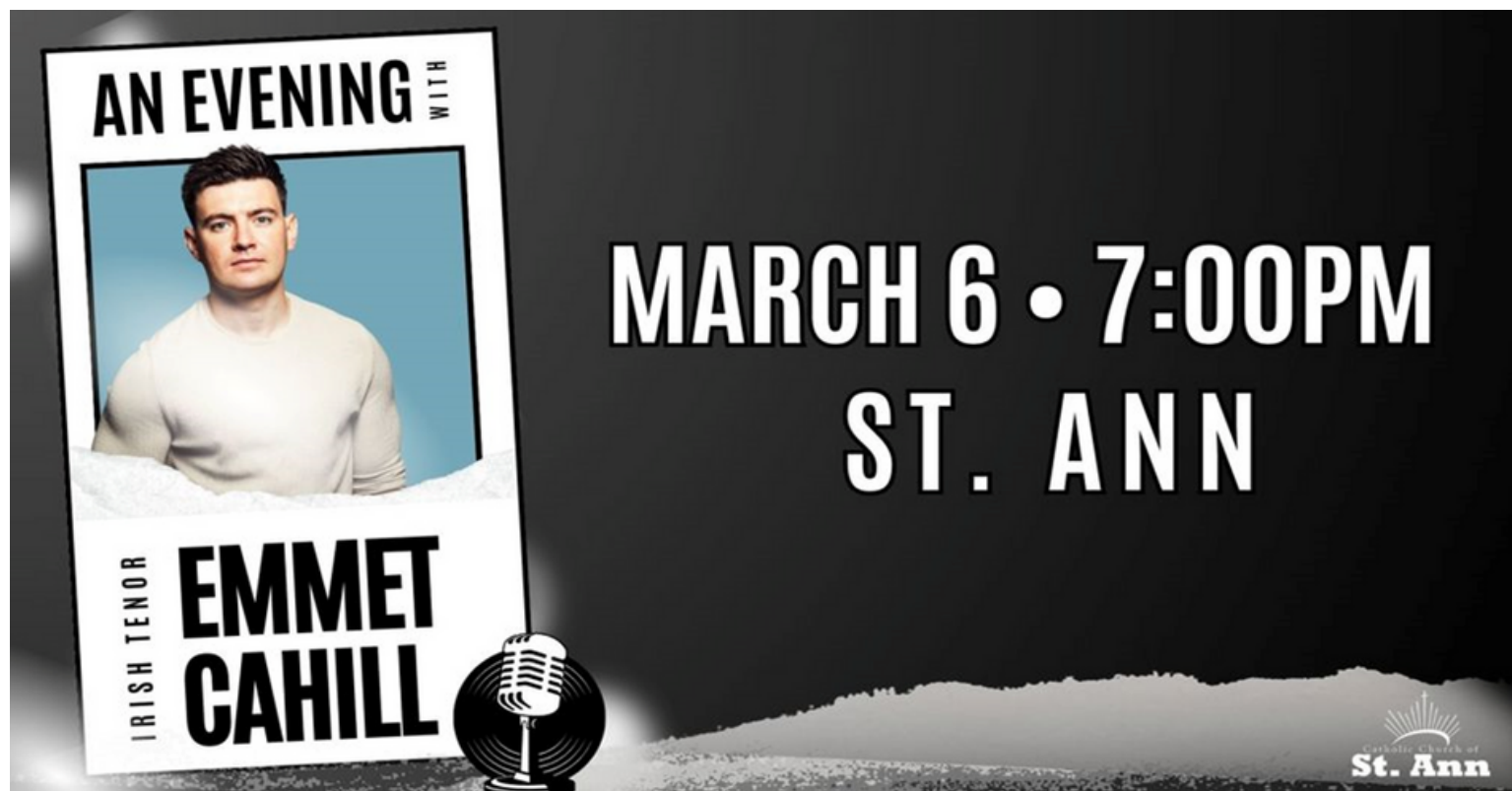
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MERIWETHER
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DEMOGRAPHICS





CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN
4905 ROSWELL RD., MARIETTA, GA., 30062

Irish tenor Emmet Cahill is the lead singer with Celtic Thunder. He recently made his sold-out debut at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Cahill's Irish album debuted at #1 on the Billboard World Music Chart. Past appearances include The Today Show, St Patrick's Cathedral and Atlanta Symphony Hall.

TICKET OPTIONS:

VIP PACKAGE: \$60

Reserved seating, plus access to 45-minute meet-and-greet event with Emmet Cahill before the concert, includes photo opportunity.

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$35

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

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):

[Thrift Store Associate](#)

[Thrift Store Manager](#)

[Senior Accountant](#)

[Case Worker](#)

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to [Geraldine Dew](#).

VISIT OUR CAREERS PAGE

2024 ATLANTA GAS LIGHT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Atlanta Gas Light grant was awarded to SVdP Georgia to assist our neighbors in need (NIN) with their natural gas bills from eligible resellers of Southern Company (AGL) Gas. This is a reimbursement grant, which requires you to submit a copy of the gas bill as well as other needed documentation for reimbursement.

Reimbursements can be submitted effective January 1, 2024 forward, or until funds are exhausted. In order to qualify, the total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Please visit our website at <https://svdpgeorgia.org/2024-agl/> to learn more about this Program and submit reimbursements.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see if your NIN's zip code is in an AGL service area. A map can be found [HERE](#).

You may also contact Laura Gibbs at lgibbs@svdpgeorgia.org.



SVDP MARTA HALF PRICE FARE PROGRAM



Transportation can be a significant barrier for many of our neighbors in need. The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has implemented a Transportation Fare Assistance Program for qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies and government entities, and SVdP Georgia has been approved! Through this Program all Conference locations that are accessible to MARTA are able to purchase Round Trip Tickets (packs of 10) for \$21.25 and/or 7 Day Breeze Tickets at \$11.87 each. All tickets must be used for one or more of the 9 supportive purposes as provided by MARTA.

If you should have further questions and/or concerns about the SVdP MARTA Half Price Program, or would like to participate, please contact Rene Bazel, SVdP Grants Manager at 678.892.6175 or via email at rbazel@svdpgeorgia.org.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT CENTER STAFF

EXECUTIVE 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.

FINANCE

Cheryl King – Senior Director of Finance

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Cheryl oversees the organization's finances, the accounting department, managing the Council's budget, financial reporting, cash flow and the annual audit.

Sue Hansen – Controller

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Sue manages the accounting department and oversees financial reporting and other financial duties.

Ebony Baldwin – Accounting Clerk

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Ebony provides support to Thrift Stores and Conferences for financial reporting.

DEVELOPMENT

Bea Perdue – Senior Director of Philanthropy

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Contact Bea for donor information as well as information on Planned and Monthly giving.

Rene Bazel – Grants Manager

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Rene manages all grants related funding activities, including identification, writing and compliance.

Debra Roberts – Development Manager

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Debra is responsible for planning and executing donor and fundraising events and engaging donors.

Elizabeth Ivey – Development Data Coordinator

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Elizabeth is responsible for donor database management and processing individual donations.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Dooling – Director of Marketing & Communications

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Responsible for Marketing & Communications to help raise brand awareness, communicate all of our wonderful programs and initiatives internally and externally and grow our organization.

VINCENTIAN AND VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Lisa Regan – Senior Director, Programs and Services

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Lisa has leadership responsibility for support of all 73 SVdP Georgia Conferences as well as the Council casework. This includes strategic community alliances and partnerships.

Gina Wilson – Manager of Vincentian Services

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Gina coordinates, develops, and delivers training and formation for Vincentians and Conferences. Her primary focus is to support conferences and their operational needs.

Meghan King – Community Engagement Manager & Volunteer Coordinator

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Meghan manages non-Vincentian volunteers for programs, Thrift Stores and special projects and events.

HUNGER INITIATIVES

Adam Seeley – Director of Hunger Initiatives

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Adam oversees all food related program initiatives including the CSC Food Pantry and Teaching Kitchen. as well as support to Conference-run food pantries.

Josephine Cole – Food Pantry Manager

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Josephine leads the day-to-day operation of the food pantry and its daily volunteers.

Valentin Chagolla-Duran – Asst. Food Pantry Manager

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Valentin assists with the day-to-day operation of the food pantry and its daily volunteers.

PHARMACY

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.

Dr. Lisa Kim – Staff Pharmacist

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Chelsea Wilkins - Certified Pharmacy Technician

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Elizabeth Langston – Receptionist

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Contact Elizabeth for food and clothing vouchers.

Sonji Bates-Boston – Director of Human Resources

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Sonji oversees talent acquisition, benefits administration and organizational policies and procedures.

Geraldine Dew – Human Resources

Administrative Coordinator

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Geraldine assists with talent acquisition, benefits administration and organizational policies and procedures.

HOUSING INITIATIVES

Marisel Risner Sivley – Director of Housing

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Marisel oversees our strategic and tactical housing related initiatives, including the Motel to Home program.

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.

Tracye Neal – Motel to Home Caseworker

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Tracye performs casework for our Motel to Home program and rapid rehousing program initiatives.

Alejandra Cadiz – Caseworker (bi-lingual)

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

CASEWORK

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.

Laura Gibbs – Caseworker

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Laura provides program support for Homelessness Prevention and Supportive Housing initiatives.

Krystiona “Krys” McLean – SNAP Case Manager

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Krys oversees SNAP benefits eligibility screening, enrollment assistance, and education.

Betsy Cowell – SNAP Caseworker (bi-lingual)

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Betsy assists neighbors with SNAP benefits eligibility screening, enrollment assistance, and education.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

Darrell Hooker – Senior Director of Operations

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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.

Brittany Kirby – Senior Thrift Store Manager

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Brittany leads all of SVdP GA's thrift stores management. She also assists with scheduling for the Food Distribution program, Donation Boxes and recycling program, and coordinates food and clothing drives.

Paolo Gatica – eCommerce Manager

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Contact Paolo regarding donations and items for sale on our eCommerce platform.