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# St. Vincent de Paul

## GEORGIA



*Love your Neighbor  
Live Vincentian*

Introduction for New Members

2025

# Our Neighbors Are Facing a Crisis

**Every Day, Families Are Forced To Choose Between Food, Housing, Or Medicine.**

- In Georgia, **13.1% of individuals** face food insecurity, with **18.4% of children** affected.
- More than **one million households** are extremely burdened by housing costs
- **77% of those earning less than \$50,000** annually struggle to afford necessary medications
- Georgia ranks **2nd in the U.S.** for uninsured residents.

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# Our Neighbor's Reality

## Struggles No Family Should Face Alone

*"I never thought we'd be living in a motel."* – A Georgia mother of three

*"I was working full-time and still couldn't afford groceries."*  
– A Georgia parent

*"I had to choose between rent and medicine."* – A Georgia neighbor

**Behind Every Statistic Is A Neighbor Fighting To Make Ends Meet.**



# When Our Neighbors Call, We Answer

## A Trusted Safety Net For Georgia Families In Crisis.

- In 2024, **281,000 Georgians** reached out to us for help.
- We delivered **\$29 million** in direct support.
- **94¢ of every dollar** went straight to programs and services that make a real difference.

***"I called everywhere for help. SVdP was the only one who called me back."***

– A Georgia neighbor



# Our Members Are Vincentians

**Called To See The Face Of Christ  
In Every Neighbor We Meet.**

**Vincentians are everyday people** united by purpose: to love and serve our neighbors in need. You don't need special skills—just an open heart.

## **Our Way Is Personal**

We meet neighbors where they are—literally. Like Frédéric Ozanam, our founder and the first Vincentians, we visit people in their homes, offering dignity, respect, and compassion.

**We don't help because they're Catholic.  
We help because we are.**



# Our Vincentian Call

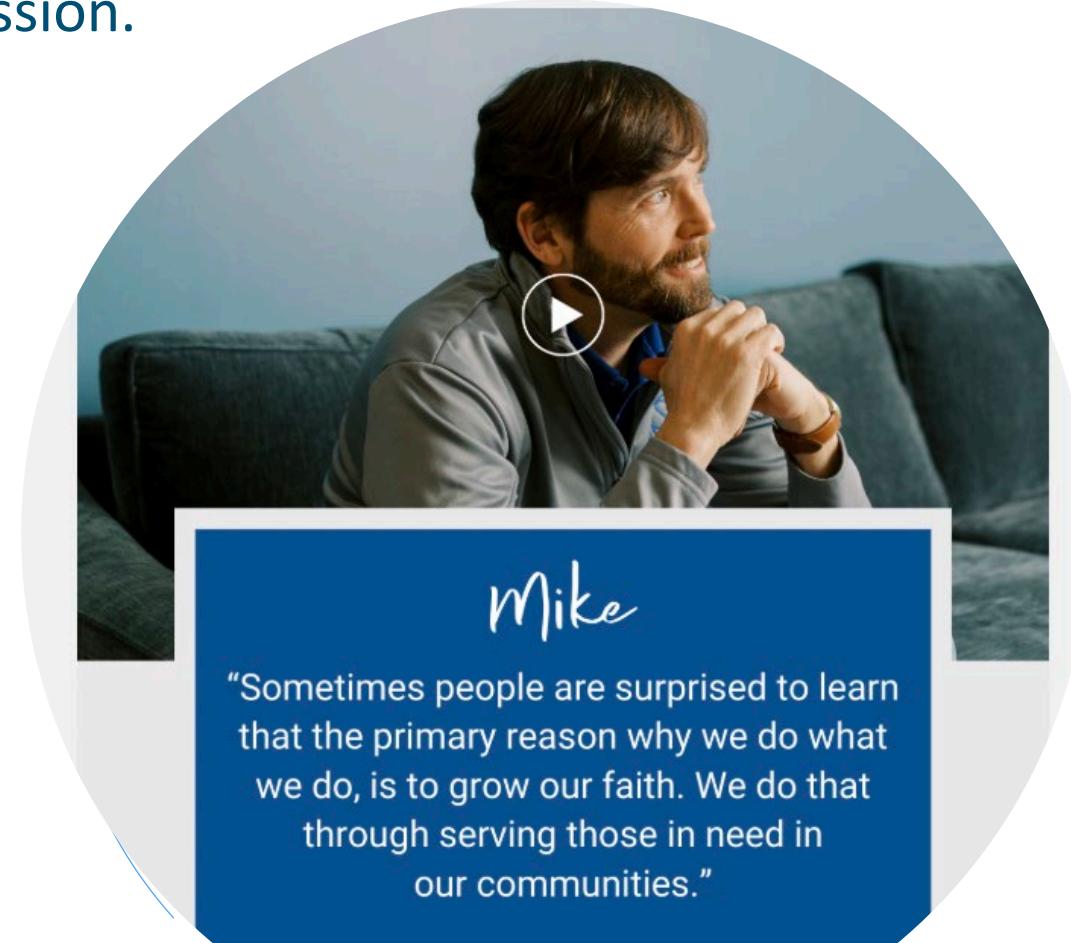
**To see the face of Christ in every neighbor and respond with love, dignity, and compassion.**

We're a Catholic lay community inspired by St. Vincent de Paul—loving God by serving our neighbors.

More than charity, we are neighbors helping neighbors—a community of faith, compassion, and action.

**We grow in holiness by meeting Christ in those we serve**

[Link to Video](#)



# Spirituality. Friendship. Service.

## The Heart Of Our Ministry



### We Grow In Holiness By Serving Others.

We meet Christ in our neighbors, and in doing so, deepen our own faith.

- Every meeting begins and ends with prayer.
- We reflect together on Scripture and the Vincentian mission.
- We pray before, during, and after home visits—alone or with our neighbors.



### We Grow In Friendship Through Community.

We grow close as friends and fellow travelers on the path of faith.

- Monthly meetings offer time for connection, reflection, and encouragement.
- We support each other through prayer, presence, and care.
- We share the joys and challenges, that comes from serving together.



### We Serve With Compassion And Respect.

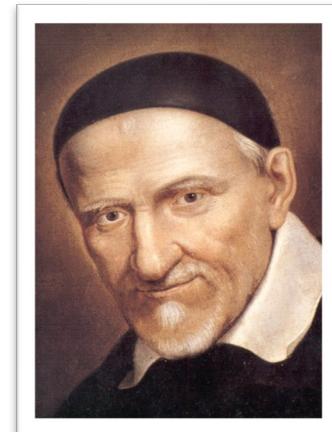
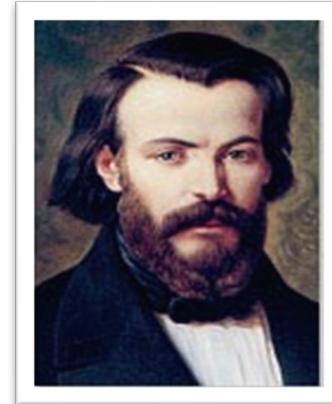
Our ministry is rooted in personal, one-on-one care.

- We serve neighbors, not clients.
- We listen first, act with compassion, and never judge.
- We meet urgent needs—and support each neighbor in building a more stable future.

# Rooted in Faith. Inspired by Love.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the largest Catholic organization globally and operates in over 150 countries.**

We have **800,000 members** and **1.5 million volunteers worldwide**, helping over **30 million people each day**.



## Our Founder: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

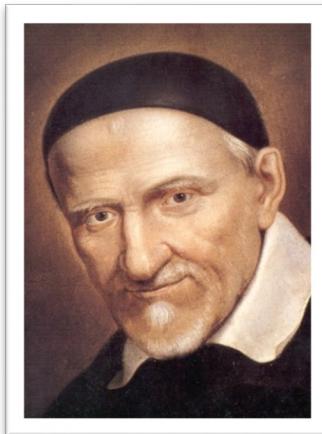
In 1833, At just 20 years old, Frédéric Ozanam and his friends started The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris to put their faith into action. With Sister Rosalie Rendu's guidance, they visited the poor face-to-face—just like we do today.

## Our Patron: St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul, our Patron, dedicated his life to the poor, founding the Daughters of Charity and Congregation of the Mission. His Feast Day is September 27.

# Part of the Global Vincentian Family

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is the part of the **Vincentian Family** – 167 organizations around the world founded by, or under the patronage of, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.



## Our Shared Heritage

**Essential Elements:** *Spirituality*  
*Friendship*  
*Service*

**Vincentian Virtues:** *Simplicity*  
*Humility*  
*Gentleness*  
*Selflessness*  
*Zeal*

# St. Vincent De Paul Georgia

## One Of The State's Oldest And Most Trusted Social Services Organization

**St. Vincent de Paul Georgia** has been serving neighbors in need since 1903.

We're powered by more than **3,200 Vincentian members** working through **74 parish-based groups** across the state—alongside dedicated staff and thousands of volunteers at our **Chamblee Support Center**.

Our work is made possible through a blend of **generous donations, thrift store revenue, and grants**.



# Our Mission

## Rooted in Love. Focused on Impact.



### Our Mission:

**To Serve our Neighbors with Love and Respect: Delivering Help, Hope, and Pathways to Self-Sufficiency**

**Our mission** explains why we exist and who we are at our core—a community rooted in **love, respect, and action**.

We speak of **neighbors** because relationships matter, and our care is always personal.

**“Help, hope, and pathways”** reflects both our compassionate response in times of crisis and our commitment to **long-term sustainability**.

# Our Vision

## A Bold Vision. Vincentian at Heart.



### Our Vision:

**A just and compassionate Georgia where every neighbor lives with dignity and opportunity**

**Our vision** shows where we're headed—and what we're building: a **just and compassionate Georgia** for every neighbor.

It is a **values-driven vision**—reflecting our faith, our mission, and our hope for the future.

Rooted in **Vincentian love, justice, and personal encounter**, it's a call to **see every neighbor, value their dignity, and help them thrive**.

# What Sets Us Apart



**Vincentian Service in Action (2024)**  
**31,148** personal, face-to-face visits  
Over **610,000** hours of volunteer service

## Localized, Personalized Care

Vincentians live where they serve—we **show up personally**. Through **home visits and real relationships**, we deliver one-on-one care tailored to each neighbor's unique situation.

## Holistic, Comprehensive Support

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's motto is “**No work of charity is foreign to the society.**” Whether it's **rent, food, medicine, clothing, or simply being present**, we say **yes** to serving wherever we're needed.

## Mission-Driven Compassion

Our work is a vocation of **compassion**—grounded in **faith and dignity**. We walk with our neighbors, offering **personal care and support in hard times**.

# Real Help for Real Challenges



## Food Support Statewide

- 40 Community Food Pantries
- Expanded Food Market And Teaching Kitchen In Chamblee
- 942,690 Lbs. Of Food Recovered
- 2,710,570 Lbs. Of Food Distributed
- SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits Assistance



## Basic Household Needs

- 9 Thrift Stores
- 1,056 families and individuals provided with vouchers for free
  - Clothing
  - Shoes
  - Household items
  - Furniture



## Keeping Families Housed

- \$12.1 Million In Direct Assistance
- 8,500 Evictions Prevented
- *Motel To Home* Program
- Temporary And Transitional Housing Solutions
- LEAP: Landlord Engagement
- HANDS: Savings Match
- Life Skills And Financial Education
- Peer Support

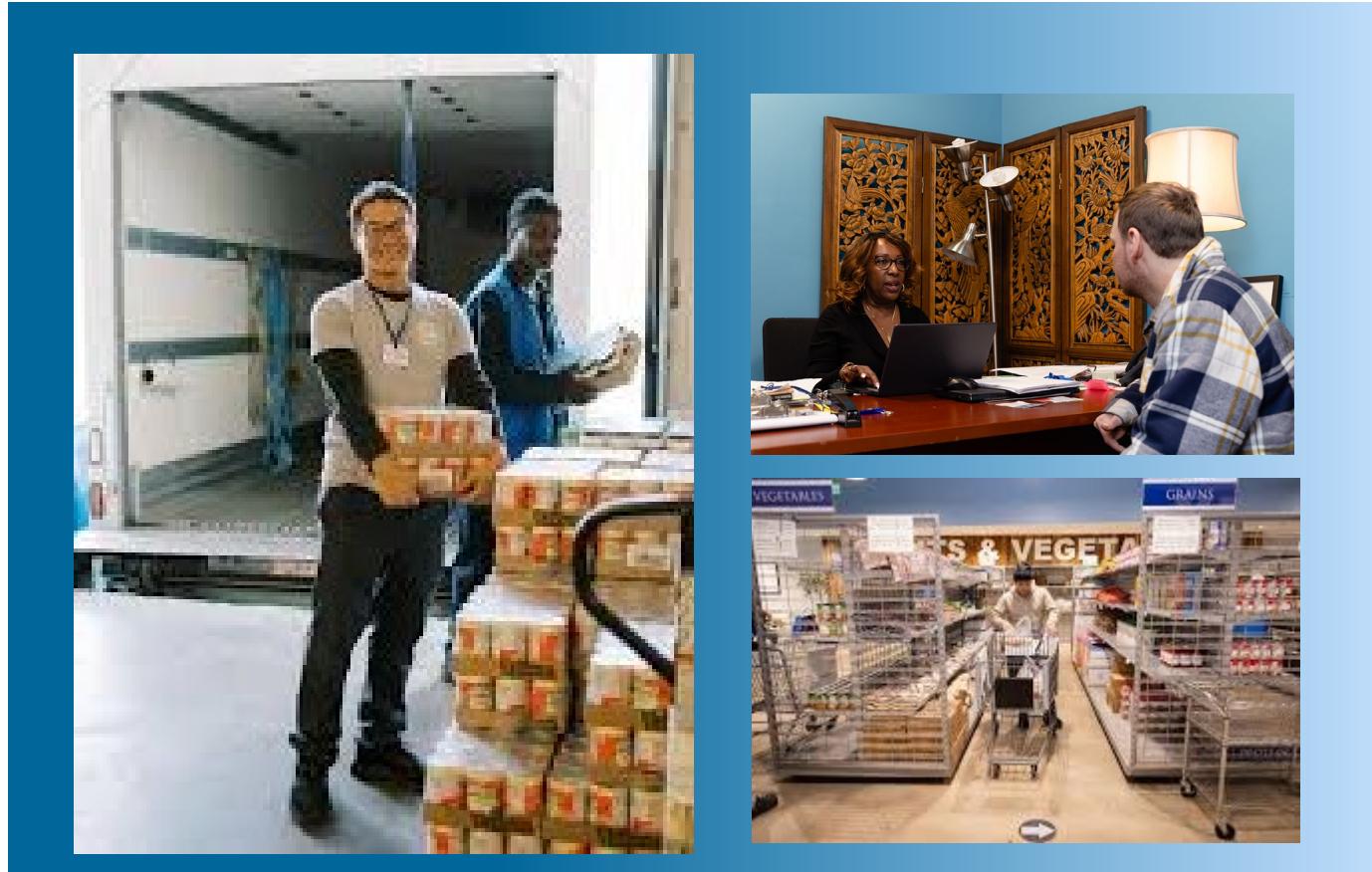


## Life-Saving Medications

- Charitable statewide pharmacy
- Free Prescriptions For Anyone Below 200% Of The Federal Poverty Level
- Free Medical Equipment And Over-the-counter Supplies
- Health Education Resources
- Medicaid Eligibility Screening
- Medication Therapy Management And Support

# Chamblee Support Center

## Our Headquarters and Strategic Hub



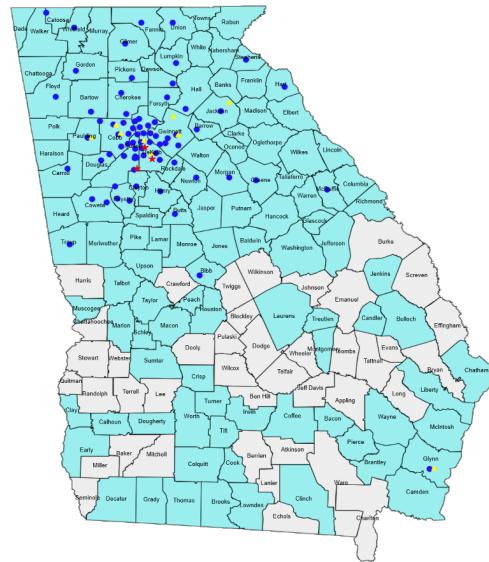
- Supports 74 Conferences (Parish Chapters) across Georgia
- Operates Motel2Home, Free Pharmacy, Food Recovery and Distribution, Food Market, Thrift Stores
- Offers job readiness, benefits screening, and life skills education
- Leads statewide advocacy for social justice and policy change
- Acts as our 5013C

# Conferences in Georgia

In the **Archdiocese of Atlanta**, St. Vincent de Paul has a strong presence, with **Conferences in 72 of 93 traditional parishes**.

In the **Diocese of Savannah**, we have **2 Conferences serving 5 of 50 traditional parishes (8% coverage)**.

**77% of parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta have active Vincentians—triple the national average!** Our neighbors are supported by one of the most engaged volunteer networks in the country.



District / Area	# Conferences
D1 – Cobb & NW Georgia	11
D2 – North Fulton	7, 1 Youth
D3 - Gwinnett	9
D4 - Intown	9
D5 - Southwest	10, 1 Youth
D6 - DeKalb	5
D7 – East Georgia	6
D8 – East Mountain	8
D9 – West Mountain	9
Council Wide	74, 2 Youth



# Welcome to Holy Spirit Conference

## How We Serve Locally

- Serving ZIP codes **(customize for your conference)**
- Neighbors reach us through **2-1-1, SVdP Georgia, our hotline, and parish connections**
- Call Retrievers respond with **compassion, gather info, and refer to case review**
- **We decide as a team**—guided by compassion, fairness, and stewardship
- **Home visits are central**—understanding needs, building trust, offering tailored support



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# How We Serve Together

Here's what being a Vincentian looks like.

-  **Monthly Meetings** – Pray, reflect, reconnect. (Customize for your convenience)
-  **Call Retrieval** – Answer the hotline, gather info, offer encouragement
-  **Home Visits** – Meet neighbors, listen deeply, assess needs
-  **Case Reviews** – Discern together how best to help
-  **Mass Collections & Angel Tree** – Show up with love and joy



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# How to Get Started

Visit [svdpgeorgia.org/members](http://svdpgeorgia.org/members) for everything from training to helpful tools.



- Complete **Safe Environment** training
- Attend **Ozanam Training**
- Sign up** for newsletters and quarterly Townhall meetings
- Learn our **Case Management System (CMS)** to track and steward cases
- Follow us on **[social@svdpgeorgia.org](mailto:social@svdpgeorgia.org)**. Help us spread the word.

# There Is A Place For You Here

## Start Small. Stay Connected. Serve with Love.

Whether you serve once a week or once a year—we'll help you find your fit.

- Come to our monthly meetings
- Join a home visit or help on the phones
- Help with Mass collections or seasonal drives
- Donate or sponsor a program
- Attend a fundraising event



**This isn't just about what we do. It's about who we become. Serving others deepens our faith and helps us grow in holiness.**

**That's the real Vincentian journey.**

Questions?



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# More Videos Available

<https://svdpgeorgia.org/become-a-member/vincentian-testimonials/>

