

*"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy."*

- Proverbs 31:20



# ST. VINCENT de PAUL **WISH** WOMEN IN SERVICE & HOPE GEORGIA



## Answering the Call To Serve

Since 1903, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia (SVdP) has been dedicated to bringing Help and Hope to our neighbors in need. Three pillars of service (Housing, Health, and Hunger) undergird our efforts to support emergency housing, food, and healthcare access for our neighbors in their time of crisis. Additional SVdP services, community collaborations and social-service referrals increase opportunities for neighbors to attain sustained stability and self-reliance

More than 3,500 Vincentian volunteer members throughout Georgia have established standards of service to meet the needs of our neighbors when they need us most. SVdP consistently provides meaningful opportunities for community volunteers to serve their neighbors in need with love and compassion.

# WISH (Women in Service and Hope) Georgia

Women are provided with an opportunity to serve as Mission Ambassadors, advancing and supporting the impact of St. Vincent de Paul on the lives of under resourced neighbors and their communities. A Mission Ambassador shares, supports and advances the programs of SVdP through personal relationships, professional networks and identifying persons in the community with a heart for service and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

SVdP embodies a Culture of Philanthropy. Without financial and public support, we could not impact the lives of our neighbors with HELP nor inspire HOPE when they need us most. This compass leads us to tell the stories of those with no voice, ask the community to share our mission, demonstrate heartfelt gratitude, and serve our neighbors in need with grace and respect.

We understand that values of philanthropy are personal and sacred. WISH Mission Ambassadors bring service to our community, with the gift of their time, talent, and treasure, honoring the dignity and possibility in all of us.

## WISH Georgia Mission

To provide women in Georgia with meaningful opportunities to answer the call to serve their neighbors in need.

## WISH Georgia Goals

The primary goals of WISH Georgia define core values and how members engage, build awareness, and work together in service and hope toward:

- **Investing in the Mission.** WISH members are asked to make an annual financial contribution to invest in expanding the impact of the SVdP mission.
- **Building Financial and Public Support.** WISH members participate in fundraising activities, donor and organization hosted gatherings, community events, special projects and SVdP major campaigns and programs.
- **Ambassador Work.** WISH members make a time commitment from two to four hours a month.
- **Building Community.** WISH members meet new people, learn new things and connect with other philanthropic leaders. Inspired conversations, fellowship and the commitment to serve are part of the membership process and programming.

# Faith In Action

The Vital Role of Women at St. Vincent de Paul



**Women have played significant roles in St. Vincent de Paul. In 19th century France, when a twenty year old student, Frédéric Ozanam, answered the challenge to turn his faith into action as the poor in Paris suffered disproportionately during a cholera epidemic, women were essential to the work from the very beginning.**

Among the most influential was **Blessed Rosalie Rendu**, a Daughter of Charity who spent decades serving families living in poverty in the streets of Paris and mentoring young leaders in works of charity. Her example reminds us that simple acts of kindness, offered with love and dignity, can transform lives. Today, women lead and serve the St. Vincent de Paul Georgia mission with distinction, notably our Board of Directors President, Denise Fisher. WISH Georgia's goals embody cordiality, compassion, respect, and devotion, hallmarks of service from women past and present.

## WISH Member Benefits

WISH provides women with the opportunity to lean into their inherent generosity along their philanthropic journey. Beyond money they can share their talent and time, knowing their WISH experience can serve to inform systemic change for neighbors in need and their communities.

Research reveals that women, far more than men, find it joyful and more fulfilling to unite with other women in giving. They also like opportunities to gain knowledge and deeper understanding of issues; place great importance on communication and engagement with the missions they support. They willingly share their knowledge and philanthropic support with friends and family (especially children and grandchildren); want to make a difference in the lives of under resourced mothers and their children; and appreciate exhibiting influence in inviting others to join them.

**SVdP is committed to supporting WISH members' growth in compassion, success, service, relationships, accountability, community building, empowerment, and grace. Member benefits include opportunities to:**

- Build collaborative relationships, friendships and leadership opportunities with other outstanding women
- Gain insight and first-hand access into how SVdP makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need
- Exercise their faith in action
- Demonstrate and model the Culture of Philanthropy within family, friends, and their greater community
- Provide one-on-one service to SVdP neighbors and guests as a volunteer and servant leader
- Make each day of service one in which they can make a difference in the lives of others

**“ Let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows. ”**  
– St. Louise de Marillac  
Patron Saint of SVdP

## Origins of WISH



*Building a Sisterhood of Service: 2021 Launch of WISH at St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix*

St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix launched the first WISH initiative in 2021. As one of Arizona's largest and most influential human service charities, the organization connected a powerful sisterhood of philanthropy in service to the needs of their community. Their service model is intentionally inclusive, highly impactful, and qualitatively and quantitatively measurable.

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia acknowledges and appreciates the consideration, cooperation, and counsel in the launch of a sister organization in Georgia. We are especially appreciative of their insistence that WISH Georgia take inspiration only in developing a mission, programming, and delivery of service that would speak to the unique needs of those committed to serve and the neighbors they will serve.





# Answering the Call to Serve

At WISH Georgia, women are given a unique opportunity to serve as Mission Ambassadors, advancing and supporting the profound impact of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) on the lives of under-resourced neighbors and their communities.



## What is a Mission Ambassador?

**A Mission Ambassador is a passionate advocate who:**

- Shares, supports, and advances the programs and services of SVdP.
- Leverages personal relationships and professional networks to amplify the mission.
- Identifies and inspires individuals with a heart for service and the desire to make a difference.

Join WISH Georgia today and help transform lives - one neighbor, one story, one community at a time!

## A Culture of Philanthropy

**At SVdP, philanthropy is at the core of everything we do. We believe in the transformative power of:**

- Telling the stories of those who have no voice.
- Inviting the community to share in our mission.
- Demonstrating heartfelt gratitude for every gift of time, talent, and treasure.
- Serving our neighbors with grace and respect, inspiring HOPE when they need it most.

## Why WISH Matters

- WISH Mission Ambassadors bring a sacred commitment to the values of philanthropy.
- Through their service, compassion, and generosity, they honor the dignity and possibility within each person they encounter.



**Without the generous support of Mission Ambassadors and our community, the impact we have on those in need would not be possible.**



# JOIN US

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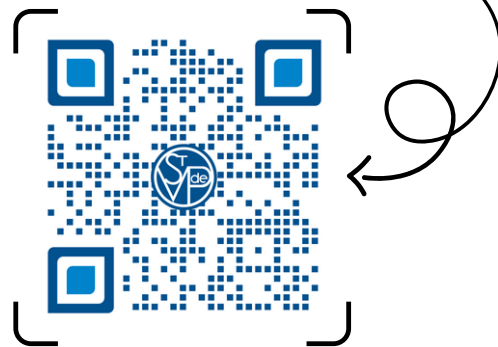
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***“What I appreciate most about WISH Georgia is the opportunity to connect with other caring women who share a desire to give back. It’s inspiring to see how much can happen when determined women come together with a shared purpose that gives back HOPE to others.”***

*-Susan Hansen, WISH Ambassador*