

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Visits to Homes, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Prisons

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) visits people in all kinds of distress to offer a helping hand and a listening ear. Volunteers go to the homes of anyone who requests help. The home visit is the basic, most fundamental activity of a Vincentian ministry. Rather than have people come to us, we go to the homes of those in need. During this visit we learn the nature of the problem as well as more about their other needs.



Whatever the person shares with us remains **confidential** between the Vincentian conference and the person. A home visit is always done by a minimum of two Vincentians, never alone. We listen to the person or family, getting their perspective on the problem and its resolution. The information gathered at the initial visit is brought back to the SVDP meeting and discussed. It is a joint decision within our conference as to what assistance we are able to provide. One of our most important gifts to leave behind is a feeling that someone cares and that there is hope. We celebrate the works of our parish SVDP conference and encourage everyone to consider becoming part of this arm of the Church's ministry. We meet every other Tuesday in Room 3 at 10:00 am.

Check the bulletin for next meeting date. Hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Along with home visits we

- Provide rent and energy assistance
- Provide vouchers for furniture and household items available at our SVDP stores
- Coordinate the food pantry, open every other Tuesday
- Sponsor the blood drive twice a year (February and August)
- Coordinate and sponsor Bundle Weekends twice a year
- Serve at the south side meal site every third Wednesday
- Sponsor twinning efforts with the Philippines
- We served at Mt. Carmel/Kindred over 40 years until closing

These outreach services are only possible through your monetary support. Please consider SVDP when making your donations.

Spiritual growth is a very important aspect of our ministry. We continue to work as Vincentians seeing Christ in those we serve and in each other.