

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island

WE HELP PEOPLE®



2017
**Annual
Report**



Summary of Services

Volunteer Hours
135,050

Vincentian
Volunteers
1,280

Home Visits
6,633

Hospital &
Elderly Visits
10,023

Men Helped
at Transitional
Houses
233

People Helped
with Clothing
3,034

Total People
Assisted
184,540

People Helped
with Furnishings
2,394

Miles Traveled
to Help
88,310



A Note From Our Board President & CEO & Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This past year, the International Society of St. Vincent de Paul community celebrated the 400th anniversary of the Vincentian Charism. The Vincentian Family Symposium held in Rome, Italy was attended by 10,000 Vincentian volunteers and leaders from 151 countries. No matter the region or the language, we were connected through our shared experience of helping our neighbors. Pope Francis' address in St. Peter's Square inspired us all to continue helping those in need, in the name of St. Vincent de Paul.

"I thank the Lord for the four hundred years of your charism. San Vincenzo has created a momentum of charity that lasts for centuries; a momentum that came out of his heart."
– Pope Francis

This year, on Long Island, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Rockville Centre Diocesan Council of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which organizes all our parish Conferences under one banner. Across Long Island, we find many people relaying a story of how the Society helped their family today, in the recent past, or generations ago. Since the early 1900s, Vincentians have been helping neighbors on Long Island. The legacy of being a Vincentian has transcended many generations. The one constant is the Home Visit, which offers not only the opportunity to provide tangible assistance, but also conversation and prayerful thoughts to help with the emotional stress during difficult times. The Society's Vincentians will continue our mission of charity following the charism of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, Blessed Rosalie Rendu and St. Vincent de Paul.

This past year we lost our most cherished Deacon Patrick Logsdon. Deacon Pat was ministering a men's re-entry program at Anthony House when his life was tragically ended. For 33 years, Pat effectively and compassionately tended to this population of men in search of guidance and spirituality to avoid repeating poor life choices. The depth of his commitment was unique and deeply spiritual. Anthony House will continue Deacon Pat's ministry as a tribute to his life.

Our longtime supporters and new donors continue to humble us with their belief in the power of our organization to carry out our mission of charity. Our work is far from done and like each generation before us, people step up and ask "how can we help?" As long as one neighbor is willing to help another, We will stay true to our motto "We help people".

Yours in St. Vincent de Paul,

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About Us



The purpose of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island (SVDPLI) is to help people in need. Part of an international organization that began in France in 1833, the Diocesan Council was incorporated in 1948.

The need on Long Island is great. According to a recent study from the United Way, hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders live above the national poverty level of \$24,450 (family of four) but don't make enough money to keep up with the high cost of living on Long Island. These households defy stereotypes; they are working households, they are young and old, men and women, all races and ethnicities. In a 2017 Long Island Association report, Poverty on Long Island...It's Growing, the most recent Census Bureau figures place poverty on L.I. at the highest it's been since 1959 with 184,415 individuals living below the national poverty level.

These statistics come as no surprise to us here at SVDPLI. Each year we help approximately 200,000 individuals from all walks of life who find themselves in varying degrees of financial distress. For some, they are able to pay their rent or mortgage but have to choose between food, fuel or medicine. Others are facing eviction, as their situation has escalated. Our transitional homes for men continue to meet the needs of men who were recently incarcerated and may be recovering from drug abuse or alcoholism.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council has 62 conferences (volunteer groups) in 58 towns throughout Long Island. While we are affiliated with Catholic parishes, we help anyone in need without regard to religion, ethnicity, gender.

We believe "need not creed" determines assistance.

Mission: Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

How We Help



It starts with a “home visit” to a neighbor by two trained Vincentian volunteers. The “home visit” is a foundational service that enables families to receive assistance in the privacy of their own home. It is the defining activity of Vincentian commitment and demonstrates the utmost respect for those we serve.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul reaches beyond the limited scope of traditional social services and into the hearts of those seeking aid by allowing people to confide their stories of struggle in the comfort of their own homes.

Financial Assistance

We offer families in crisis the financial aid they need to ease some of their monthly financial burdens, and take the steps required to get back on their feet. By helping families with their financial obligations, they are able to gradually pull themselves out of their mounting debt.

Material Assistance

Providing material goods such as furnishings, clothing and food enables families to redirect their financial resources to fulfill other financial obligations.

Spiritual, Emotional and Practical Support

No work of Charity is foreign to the Society and so it is not surprising to hear about a Vincentian teaching a neighbor in need how to drive so they can have better options for employment or helping someone to enroll in English class or a trade school program. Emotional and Spiritual support lend guidance during times of distress.

Transitional Housing

The program is designed to re-establish men, having been recently released from prison, as contributing members of the community. We provide a supportive, structured setting where men can maintain sobriety, find employment and prepare for the future.



Who We Have Helped

This past year, we had the privilege of serving 185,000 individuals struggling to make their way.

“It is absolutely necessary, both for our advancement and the salvation of others, to follow always and in all things the beautiful light of faith.” - St. Vincent de Paul

We met 58 year old Jackson, a single father, and Leah, his 18 year old daughter, suffering with numerous emotional, educational and psychological impairments as a result of being born to a drug addicted mother. Leah’s pregnancy challenged this family on numerous levels. In the end, the assistance they received from the Vincentian Volunteers helped them on their way to financial and family stability.



Then there was the Entinzar family of five:

immigrants from Afghanistan. Mr. & Mrs. Entinzar, formerly employees of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, sought the safety of America to raise their three boys. Unfortunately, their degrees from Afghanistan Institutions are not recognized here. So while going to school and working part-time, they needed a hand up to make their way to the American dream.



Facing eviction from their apartment due to the property owner’s pending foreclosure,

the Salazar family had exhausted their savings for medical and legal costs related to caring for their teenager’s substance abuse. They needed assistance for the unexpected expenses related to relocating. Both Mr. & Mrs. Salazar were employed and had the resources to pay the rent moving forward. The move also provided the family a fresh start in a new community and school district.

Gary arrived at Dismas House as a returning citizen after spending 33 years of his 60 year life in prison.

From the internet, to cell phones, to electronic banking, to social media, the world was a very different one than the one he remembered. Since living at Dismas House, Gary has been working, he reconnected with his family and most recently, he enrolled in Ferrari Driving School for CDL training.



Miss D, a senior citizen, had been living in her car for months.

Spending her nights in a remote parking lot had taken its toll; she was living in fear but unable to secure any housing. With the help of Interfaith Nutritional Network’s Center for Transformative Change, she finally found a small room she could afford, but she desperately needed furniture. With the help from our “Welcome Home” program, she is now able to sleep safely in a bed, and has a table and chairs for her meals.



Names and images may have been substituted for anonymity.



Supporting Our Cause

Donations, Drives, Special Events

Our Donors are the wind beneath our wings and our community partners add strength to our mission.

Donations

Financial support for neighbors in need comes through individual donations to general, seasonal and program appeals; from special events, foundations, and from bequests. In 2017, we received major funding from Newsday Charities – a Fund of the McCormick Foundation, United Way, The H.W. Wilson Foundation, The SAR Family Fund of the Long Island Community Foundation, and Catholic Health Services Employee Fund.

We participated in Giving Tuesday, an international day for on-line giving, held each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Part of the success of this program comes from Angel investors that pledge to match gifts made on that day. In 2017, thanks to matching gifts from the Al & Peggy DeMatteis Family Foundation and one anonymous donor, we raised \$9,480 in one day!

We know many low income families with children struggle when school lets out for the summer. They need child care, and they lose school breakfast and lunch programs. So for our Summer Appeal, we asked our donors to be the difference with a goal to raise \$10,000 in ten weeks. They didn't let us down.

Dependable, regular income is so important to the fiscal health of the Society. Thanks to those donors that have joined our ACT – Affecting Change Together Giving Program. These donors have made a commitment to donate a scheduled amount on a monthly basis.

Drives

2017 was a record-breaking year for community drives. We facilitated 22 drives with local schools, businesses and hospitals, all of which were then used to give back to our neighbors in need.

Earth Day was the backdrop for a series of clothing drives, during which our community partners cleaned out their closets and donated new or gently-used clothing. A special thanks to Adelphi University for making us the recipients of their "Trash to Treasure" end-of-year drive, and to Bethpage Federal Credit Union, who collected an astounding amount of clothing at their corporate office.

During the summer, we partnered with Brighton Collectibles-Huntington on their "Brighton Gives Back" campaign. Customers trading in a gently-used handbag received a discount on a new bag. Brighton donated more than 100 bags to our thrift stores.

Shortly after Halloween, the J. Fred Sparkle Island Trees Elementary School chose The Society as the recipient of its "Socktober" drive. Students collected new socks of all shapes, sizes and patterns for this inaugural event.

We ended the year blessed with eight toy drives in the weeks leading up to Christmas. From St. Raymond School in East Rockaway to St. Isidore School in Riverhead, our offices were overflowing with toys for our Vincentians to collect and distribute in their conferences.

Appreciated Special Events

GOLF CLASSIC

This year we honored Allen Brewer, Executive Vice President Chief Information Officer from Flushing Bank. Continuing a long and much respected tradition of support from the Bank, the event raised \$89,000. Frank Pelliccione was once again at the helm as the Chairman, providing his talent as a terrific networker to ensure the success of the event.



FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

“Strive for 5” was the theme for this year’s walk. Conferences were encouraged to increase participation and fundraising by 5%. Everyone rallied and some friendly competition between the conferences netted terrific results. In total, \$174,000 was raised, which represented a 5% increase from 2016. We increased participation by 10% over 2016 with 835 walkers.

The Conference awards went to:

- St. Anthony - Oceanside: most money raised: (\$14,077)
- St. Kilian - Farmingdale: most money raised in corporate sponsors: (\$5,000)
- Maria Regina - Seaford: most walkers with pledges: (60)

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!



DISMAS HOUSE RECEPTION

It started as a way to recognize and thank several volunteers and grew into an amazing evening of fellowship. The yard at Dismas House was filled with a collection of guests, from volunteers and their families to board members, donors, community partners, house staff, residents and alumni. They shared a meal and stories as well as a genuine interest in the mission of Dismas House, which is to provide a supportive, structured setting where recently incarcerated men can continue their recovery and start planning for the future.

Recognition awards were presented to Tom Farrell, a Vincentian from Maria Regina in Seaford; Kathleen Kearns, JET Program – Nassau County Correctional Center; Deacon Gene Bormann, Chaplain – Otisville Correctional Facility and to Lucy Davidson, Mark Hanlon, Diane Regan and all the cooks from St. Peter of Alcantara’s Tuesday Evening Dinner at Dismas House Program.





Thrift Stores and Bins

We all have items that at one time were near and dear to us. Clothes that bring back memories of Christmas, graduations, weddings, and summer vacations. We have furniture that served us well – a first small kitchen table, a coffee table where the kids played games and colored, and den furniture that hosted family movie nights. When the time comes to pack up the things that have brought you joy, please remember the Society.

Whether you're donating or buying you're helping. When our Vincentian Volunteers make a "home visit" to assess a neighbor's needs, they often find a lack of basic home furniture that we take for granted, (beds, table, chairs.) They are overjoyed when the St. Vincent de Paul truck shows up!

At our thrift stores, in Garden City Park and Huntington, people in need often "shop" side by side with someone looking for a good deal on furniture or barely worn clothing.

Please remember us for your clothing and furniture donations!

3,034
People helped with clothing

2,306
People helped with home furnishings



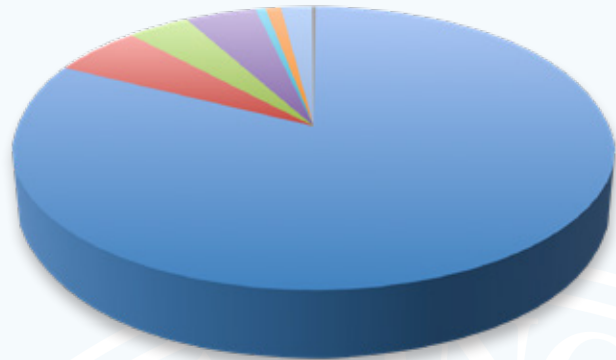
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People helped in the Welcome Home Program

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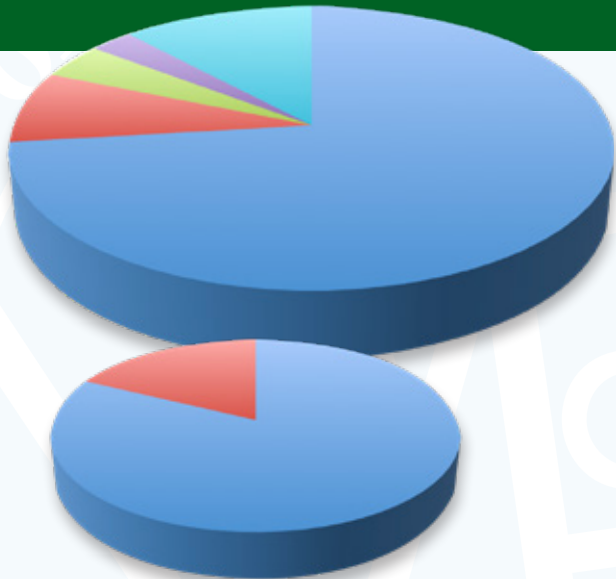
INCOME

• Stores	\$5,733,048
• Donations	\$391,849
• Grants	\$269,879
• Bequests	\$306,388
• Special Events (Net)	\$44,851
• Training & Dev.	\$66,236
• Net Investment Income	\$136,141
• Other	\$6,025
Total Revenue	\$6,954,417



EXPENSE

Program Services	
• Stores	\$4,026,564
• Training & Dev.	\$452,774
• Dismas House	\$223,131
• Anthony House	\$148,000
• Family Assistance	\$657,091
Total Programs	\$5,507,560
Supporting Services	
• Mgmt. & General	\$976,211
• Fund Raising	\$210,791
Total Supporting Services	\$1,187,002
Total Expenses	\$6,694,562



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to practicing good stewardship of all funds entrusted to its mission of helping the poor and needy of Long Island. All contributions are monitored to ensure compliance with donor intent. As a Catholic lay organization, the Society operates out of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; however, we are an independent 501(c) (3) organization and do not receive funding from the Diocese.

Change in Net Assets	\$259,855
Net Assets at the beginning of year	\$4,296,884
Net Assets at the end of year	\$4,556,739

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Statistical Summary Year Ending September 30, 2017

The 2017 statistical report shows the outcomes of the Society's efforts across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The financial and material support of SVDPLI and its Conferences help families avoid hunger, homelessness, and additional hardship.

SPECIAL WORKS	PEOPLE SERVED	OPERATIONAL COST
Transitional Houses for Men		
Anthony House & Dismas House Home Residence and Counseling Returning Citizens	233	\$371,131
Vincentian Training and Development	1,280	\$452,774
Family Assistance & Uplift	457	\$657,091
Stores		
Furniture-clothing-household	57,857	\$4,026,564
Neighbor's clothing/furniture (no cost)	5,428	
Information and Referral Calls	10,412	
TOTAL SPECIAL WORKS	75,667	\$5,507,560
Management and Support Cost		\$1,187,002
CENTRAL COUNCIL TOTALS	75,667	\$6,694,562
Conferences		
Neighbor Assisted Financial Aid	54,620	\$1,327,172
In-Kind Assistance (estimated value)	54,253	\$1,950,408
Vincentian Volunteer Hours (value)		\$3,260,107
CONFERENCE TOTALS	108,873	\$6,537,687
TOTALS	184,540	\$13,232,249

CENTRAL COUNCIL

CONFERENCES	62
VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS	1,280
PAID STAFF	78



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\$25,000 and over

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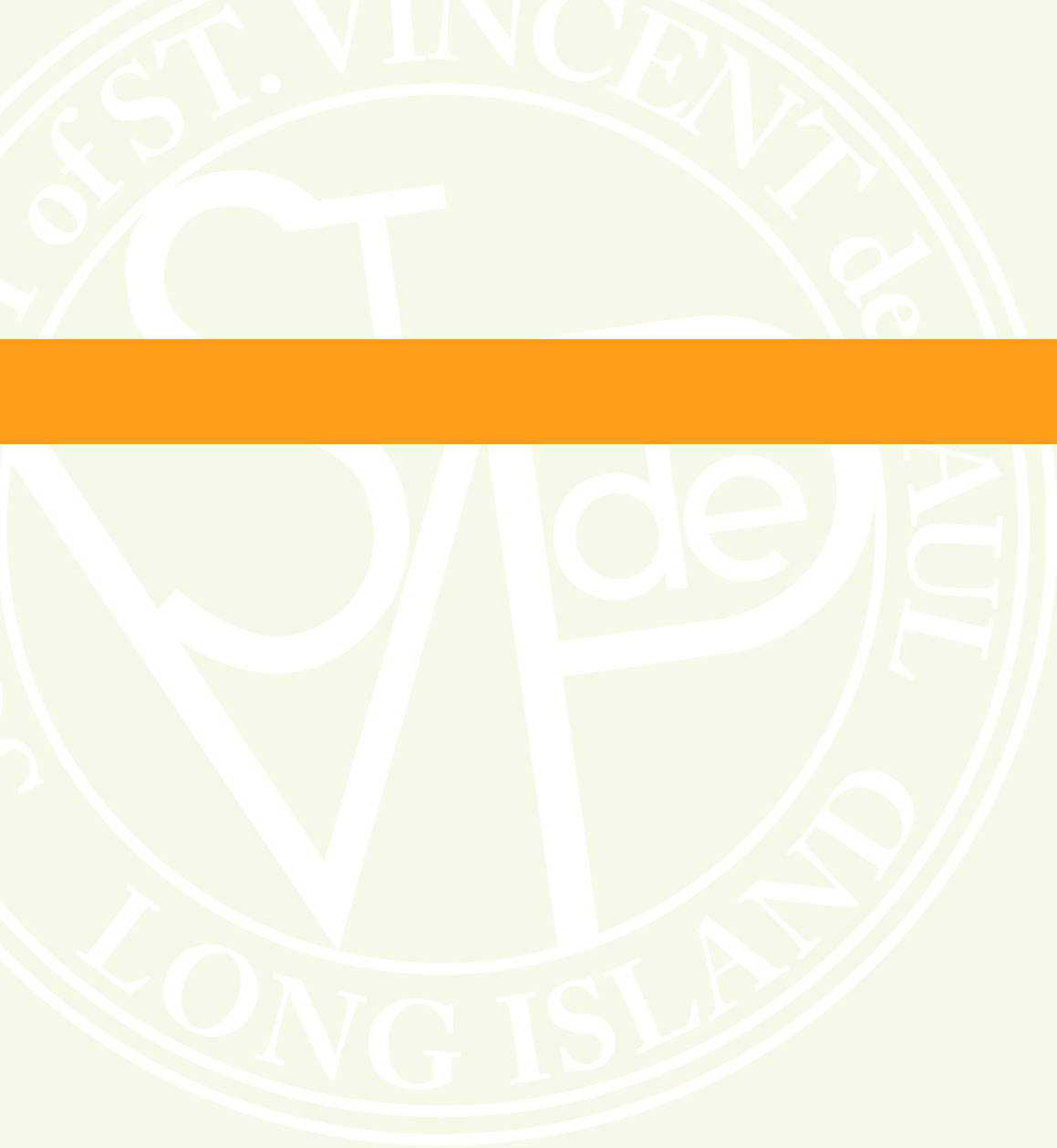
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