

# **Summary of Services**







**Volunteer Hours** 119,217



People helped with furniture 1,848



**Total people** assisted 150,000



**People helped** with clothing 3,346



**Hospital/nursing home/** elderly visits 9,206

**Robert Meekins Board President** 



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### A Note From Our **Board President & CEO & Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Rockville Centre reached a milestone in 2018; the 70th Anniversary of our Diocesan Council. This occasion was commemorated by a gala that brought together past and current leadership of our great organization. Our guests included Bishop John O. Barres; Ralph Middlecamp, National President Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA; Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, Executive Director Hope House Ministries; and guests from as far away as Europe as well as local community partners. Most importantly, our Vincentian volunteers, who are the core of all our good works, were there to be celebrated.

As we reflected on the great accomplishments from 1948 until now, we realized how our mission of charity has never waned. Throughout all the events in local and global history, the Society has stayed focused on helping our neighbors. We must continue to look forward and ensure we adapt to the ever changing face of poverty.

The suffering caused by the high cost of living in Nassau and Suffolk is all too familiar a reality. Helping a family traverse a difficult time no longer has a simple or quick remedy. The geographic lines creating boundaries of an area of poverty have blurred. The diversity of neighbors in need covers all spectrums of ethnicity, race, neighborhoods and social status.

As the need for assistance continues to rise, so does the generosity of our donors, sponsors and community partners. We are forever grateful for your faith in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to carry out our mission of charity. Our Vincentians, with your support, will forever be a sign to fellow Long Islanders that they are not forgotten in their time of despair.

We are a community coming together to ensure that our motto "We Help People" will forever be there to ease the burdens of our neighbors on Long Island.

Yours in St. Vincent de Paul,

Robert Meekins

Thomas J. Abbate

**Board President** 

CEO & Executive Director



# Celebrating 70 Years

Contemplating the milestone of serving Long Islanders in need for 70 years, it is clear that although each generation has its own unique obstacles, our similarities are undeniable. In the early 1600s, St. Vincent's awareness of the pervasiveness of poverty led him to respond. When he learned of an ill and destitute family in his parish, he preached for assistance. That very afternoon an overwhelming number of people responded by bringing supplies to the family the first "home visit".

Two hundred years later, in 1833, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam - a young college student - was challenged to put his faith into action on behalf of the poor of Paris. He and a friend began visiting Paris tenements and offering assistance as best they could. Soon a group dedicated to helping individuals in need under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul formed around Frédéric.

In 1948, a little over 100 years later, the Society found a home on Long Island and ever since, our Vincentians have been following the tradition of the "home visit" in our mission to help people. Changing needs of our neighbors have led to programs and partnerships like "Welcome Home" with the Interfaith Nutrition Network and "Help Me Smile" dental assistance with Catholic Health Services.

St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and Blessed Rosalie Rendu, all embraced humble and grateful service to others, especially to the disadvantaged - the essence of the Vincentian Charism. Today's Vincentians carry on the teachings and tradition of our namesake and founders. In 2018, as we celebrated our 70th Anniversary, 1,316 Vincentians at 63 Conferences in 57 Long Island communities provided assistance to thousands of Long Islanders suffering the effects of poverty.

In the following pages you will find examples that illustrate the richness of our mission, the help and hope provided to our neighbors in need, the humble service of our Vincentian volunteers and the selfless generosity of our supporters.



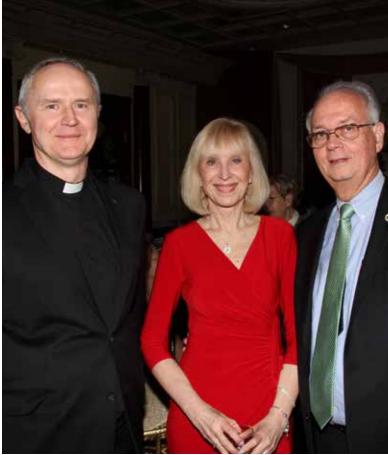


















# How We Help

**Assisting Neighbors** 

The Barreau Family's\* story is one of faith and persistence, not only the neighbor's but every one of the Conference members who had their faith strengthened by the family's strong faith in such a difficult time. Theirs is a story with many moving parts, housing, employment, education and because of the breadth of their need it took nearly every member of the Conference to be successful.

An intolerable living condition caused the family to move from their rented house. They put their furniture in storage and moved to an affordable hotel, not anticipating the difficulty that ensued. Their search for a rental was complicated by poor credit and lack of funds for security, down payment, and brokerage fees. As fate would have it, the neighbor's employer went on strike. As money became even scarcer, they slept some nights in their car, all the while staying true to their mother's primary goal to keep them safe and together.

Conference members discussed the best ways to help them and guide them to help themselves – providing interim financial and housing assistance. When they decided to pursue alternate careers, the Conference assisted them. An income stream was critical to becoming self-reliant.

As time progressed, the family became engaged with parish life and very much believed a Catholic education at the school was important for their young daughter.

Working with Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, which provides scholarships for Catholic education, the Conference secured a 50% scholarship for the family's young daughter. The school principal accepted that as payment in full, stating "everyone that wants a Catholic Education deserves one".

They still needed permanent housing. Divine intervention works in mysterious ways. A parish administrator serving as a Deacon stationed in another parish, alluded to the family's plight in his sermon. He had prepared two sermons that

# "Marian had such incredible faith, often excusing herself to silently pray in Church when her situation was at its lowest. She had such belief that the Lord would provide. Her faith strengthened mine." - Donna

day and decided this was the one he would use - divine intervention. After Mass, three parishioners approached him asking - "how can we help"? Their unsolicited generosity provided the means for the down payment, fees and first month's rent.

The Conference members continued to be creative and dedicated in their quest to help this family reestablish themselves, working with their church and other organizations to provide support and services during this journey. Next came the final break they needed. A church member, involved in real estate, helped them rent a beautiful home within walking distance to the Church, school, and the train.

The old adage that "it takes a village" is proven with this scenario, almost every member of the Conference played a role in helping this family. There were many difficult times, and throughout their struggle, Conference members continuously took a leadership role to rally the Conference. Through faith and divine intervention this entire family is safe, has a nice place to live and is an active part of the congregation. Father and son joined the Knights of Columbus, son and daughter are in the children's choir. Mother, father and son are employed and daughter is flourishing in the parish school.

\* Neighbor's name changed to protect confidentiality.





#### **Meet George**

When you first meet George, the brightness in his eyes, the easy smile and welcoming handshake contradict a past that includes many years spent in prison. George came to Dismas House in December of 2018. He was 50 years old and would be spending his first Christmas, since he was a young adult, not in prison. He remembers the mixed emotions of anticipation and trepidation, determination and fear. He had prepared himself as best he could, but the outside world had changed in many ways, while his world in prison remained the same. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Psychology/Sociology, but he didn't have a driver's license, nor did he know how to open a bank account or use an ATM.

At Dismas House he found not only a warm bed and healthy meals, he found people that wanted him to make it, and believed he could make it. The staff provide the guidance, they set the tone, provide the leadership and keep the men on task. It is challenging and the men have to be ready to give it their best effort.

George reflects, "You have to work really hard. Some days I'm up at 4:30am on a bus or subway to a job, visits to my parole officer or other mandatory meetings, and on to another job. I return to Dismas House to do my chores, eat, shower and fall into bed. But I couldn't be happier for all this place has given me."

In addition to his employment outside Dismas House, George is one of two peer staff. The peer staff lead by example for things like chores, time management, and program attendance. They provide pointers on finding places [like the library and mass transit], getting IDs, and looking for work. They exemplify living simply and within your means, saving for the future, keeping balance in your life, moving past a prison mentality, learning to be sociable, and maintaining a positive relationship with the Parole Officer. They are pivotal to the success of the program because they "walk the walk" while they "talk the talk".

George has taken this second chance and thrived. He not only believes he will succeed, but he allows himself the indulgence of believing in the future. When asked what he sees for himself in 10 years. George responded (with a big smile), "I am off parole, I'm in a committed relationship with my terrific girlfriend, I have a good job, and my health".

#### **Meet Lucy**

Three years ago Lucy and her friend Diane were among a small group of Vincentians from St. Peter of Alcantara's Conference to start a Dinner Preparation program at Dismas House. They were looking for a new way to practice their Vincentian Charism. Almost every Tuesday night since, volunteers (some Vincentians) have brought their various levels of culinary skills to the men at Dismas House. But what has thrived there is more than a meal. For the residents; the experience of sharing a meal with others, and eating and talking together at the same table is a valuable social experience. For many of the volunteers, Dismas House has become an extended family.

Lucy was drawn to the program after a silent prayer experience in which she was reflecting on her path to loving God. She remembers thinking "I know how to love family, friends, even a pet, but how do I love God"? His answer - If you love the people you help, you love me. That evening, Diane told her about the cooking program!

Most of Lucy's immediate family are deceased, including her mother. She gets immense joy out of sharing family recipes with the men. She recognizes that it's been a long time, if ever, since they have enjoyed good food or the social aspect of a shared meal. Spending time at Dismas House has helped her to keep an open mind about anyone she meets, that people can truly repent and change. At first she was surprised at how polite and considerate the men were not only to her, but to each other as well.

One recent Tuesday night, Lucy made her mom's pot roast and gravy, while Diane brought a string bean casserole. It was all followed by a tantalizing apple pie. Men laughed and teased each other, while conversation drifted to updates on men who had moved on, leftovers were wrapped up for those working late, dishes were washed and put away. A simple, typical Tuesday night at Dismas House.

"A person has to want to make it, has to work hard, but this program gives you all the tools you'll need to make it!" - George

# Supporting Our Cause

## Store, Bins and **Clothing Drives**

The clothing and furniture that is donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, either for distribution or resale, is critical to our mission. When our Vincentian volunteers are helping a neighbor that is in need of warm clothing or basic home furnishings, they turn to the thrift stores for help. Items that are sold at the stores provide revenue to support our programs.



"When people shop or donate here, it's about more than the item(s): it's about the people we are able to help." - Katherine Kloska

# Supporting Our Cause Store, Bins and Clothing Drives



"One of the great goals of education is to turn our students into active citizens with a firm commitment to helping others. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul gives these students that opportunity."

Daniel Keegan Principal - Island Trees Middle School

learned English and worked hard while applying for by an unscrupulous lawyer and lost valuable time and

# Special Events... Special People

#### **Golf Classic**

2018 marked the 15th anniversary of the SVDPLI Annual Golf Classic. A strong supportive committee is key to a successful outing. We are thrilled to have a terrific, committed group of volunteers leading the way on our Golf Outing. They help recruit sponsors, golfers and secure prizes.

One such volunteer is David Lynch of Mutual of America. David, who is also a board member, joined the Golf Committee in 2010. With so many wonderful nonprofits on Long Island, all with very compelling missions, we are always honored when someone chooses our organization to volunteer their time and share their expertise. According to David, what stood out for him at SVDP is the compass of the social teachings of the Catholic Church. "Growing up in the Catholic faith and trying to live that golden rule - 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you', is something the Vincentian community lives every day." In his role on the Golf Committee, David sees an opportunity to raise awareness about the mission of the Society.

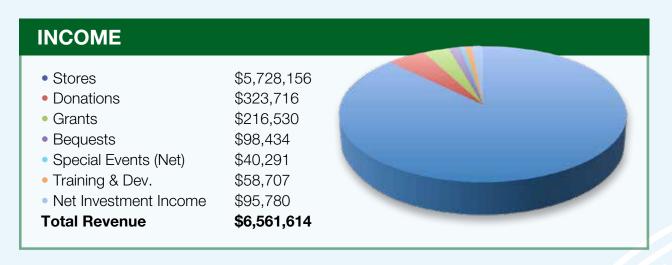
"Witnessing friends and family go through some tough times, it feels good working with an organization that is there for people that might otherwise slip through the cracks." - David Lynch

In 2018, our Golf Outing was held in Memory of Deacon Patrick Logsdon. Deacon Pat served as the Director of Anthony House, one of our transitional houses for men, for 33 years. He brought tremendous love, care and compassion to his ministry. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to feel the loss of Deacon Patrick Logsdon.





# The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island 2018 Annual Report Summary



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. Individual Conferences are provided contributions from their parish.

Program Services  • Stores \$3,896,035  • Training & Dev. \$442,910  • Dismas House \$248,501  • Anthony House \$78,701  • Family Assistance \$600,827  Total Programs \$5,266,974  Supporting Services  • Mgmt. & General \$981,727  • Fund Raising \$219,424	
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Change in Net As	ssets\$93,489
Net Assets at the beginning	of year \$4,556,739
Net Assets at the end of yea	r\$4,650,228

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island Statistical Summary: Year Ending September 30, 2018

The 2018 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	36	\$327,202
Vincentian Programs Family Assistance, Uplift, Welcome Home, Dental Assistance	696	\$600,827
Vincentian Training and Development	1,316	\$442,910
Stores Furniture-clothing-household Neighbor's clothing/furniture (no cost)	47,590 5,194	\$3,896,035
Information and Referral Calls	7,262	
TOTAL SPECIAL WORKS	62,094	\$5,266,974
Management and Support Cost		\$1,201,151
CENTRAL COUNCIL TOTALS	62,094	\$6,468,125
Conferences Neighbor Assisted Financial Aid In-Kind Assistance (estimated value) Vincentian Volunteer Hours (value)	38,825 51,181	\$1,546,518 \$1,772,092 \$3,479,944
CONFERENCE TOTALS	90,006	\$6,798,554
TOTALS	152,100	\$13,266,679

#### **CENTRAL COUNCIL**

CONFERENCES	63
VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS	1,316
PAID STAFF	72



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Kings Park – St. Joseph
Lindenhurst – Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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