

*Service that
Transforms*



Annual Report

2021



Our Mission

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.



A Note From Our Board President and CEO / Executive Director

We have all traveled uncharted roads this past year due to the pandemic. There have been challenges to our social and economic lives. Thankfully, we appear to be on the cusp of transitioning onto a path that will once again bring back financial stability and, lead us back to sharing more time with each other at home and socially. Family events, weddings, holidays, and birthdays are once again joyful celebrations. Businesses are striving to bring back customers and employees

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Rockville Centre has remained vigilant to ensure all our neighbors in need of help have been given a helping hand.

Our Vincentian spirit of friendship makes us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering and the deprived. Our Vincentians have continued to reinvent ways to answer the request for assistance. When our foundational “home visit” was not possible, they

adapted so our mission of charity was still a sign of hope for so many in our communities. Without our devoted 1,100 Vincentians our mission could not be sustainable. Thank you for giving selflessly of your time, talent and treasure.

The generosity of all who contribute to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, including foundations and corporations, gave us the inspiration to continue our efforts knowing we were making a difference. Here in Nassau and Suffolk counties, there is great need, that is met with infinite compassion. Without your generosity so many would not receive the help so desperately needed.

You will see in our 2021 Annual Report, through the heartwarming stories and financial data, how this collaboration of Vincentians and supporters eases the burdens of our neighbors.

Yours in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,



Thomas J. Abbate
CEO & Executive Director



Gustave Gelardi
Diocesan Council President



The Vincentian Vocation

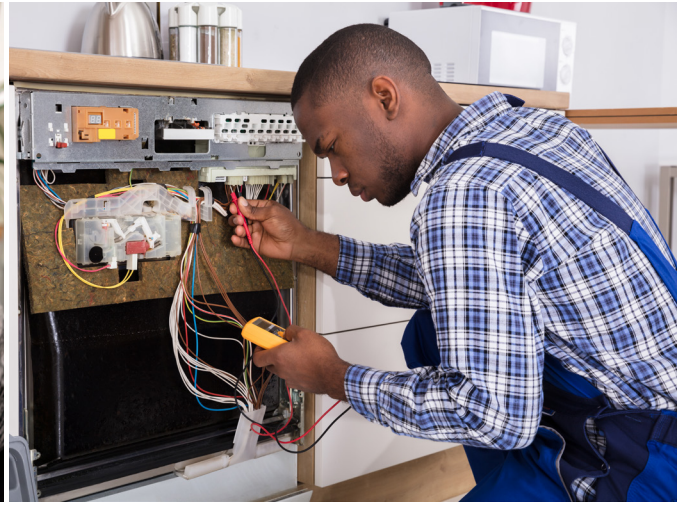
Transformative describes many aspects of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island. Our 1,100 Vincentians would surely describe their vocation with the Society as transformative. The call to see the face of Christ in the poor is a significant part of their desire to grow in holiness.

On a recent home visit, Sandy F. and another Vincentian from the St. Boniface Conference expected to find the family living in a basement. What they found was a young family of four living in a shed! The family was from Honduras and did not speak English. The owner of the property was charging them \$700 a month to live in a shed with no heat, bathroom or running water.

Transactionally, they could have very easily paid

the \$700, which they did. However, what was Jesus inviting them to do? Certainly not just pay the \$700. The Vincentians tried to find suitable housing through several other agencies, but unfortunately, very little could be done. Fortunately, the family will move to Maryland, where a family member will help them.

Sandy reflected, “steeped in the values of the Vincentian charism, God has graced me with the gift ‘to seek and find the forgotten’ and ‘to render them every type of service.’” As one young Vincentian shared, “Every person who is in front of me is a neighbor in need.” May God continue to give us the grace to be the Vincentian who sees the beauty and the face of Jesus in each person.”



Our Neighbors

The help provided to our neighbors in need can be transformative in the act of delivering financial, material and spiritual lifelines. These lifelines help people get through difficult times and get back on track to being self-sufficient.

After emigrating from Trinidad with his mother at 16 years old, Sam's* life fell apart. His mother was diagnosed and subsequently died from cancer. His aunt, a single mother of three with her own struggles took him in and he enrolled in the local high school. He distinguished himself as a good student, enthusiastic volunteer and a responsible young adult. Sam had a modest goal of becoming a licensed electrician. However, he did not have the financial resources for the 2-year Associates Degree program at Delhi

University that his guidance counselor suggested. Through the intervention of St. Mary's Conference benefactors, the Conference was able to fund his tuition, room and board. In May of 2021, Sam graduated from Delhi and he is now employed as an electrician.

"I was so excited to receive this scholarship. I knew I could do the work, now I had a way to get there." ~Sam

* Name changed for confidentiality



2021 Annual Report Financial Summary

Income



Stores
\$5,715,508



Donations
\$348,600



Grants
\$1,616,592



Bequests
\$306,459



Training & Dev.
\$46,400



Events
\$27,972



Investments
\$381,697

Total Income: \$8,443,228

Program Expenses



Stores
\$4,099,330



Training & Dev.
\$456,854



Dismas House
\$200,192



Family Assistance
\$569,209

Total Program Expenses: \$5,325,585

Supporting Services Expenses



Management
& General
\$1,260,522



Fundraising
\$215,388

Total Supporting Services Expenses: \$1,475,910

Total Expenses:

\$6,801,495

Change in Net Assets:

\$1,641,733

Net Assets Beginning of Year

\$4,942,406

Net Assets Year End

\$6,584,139

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to practicing good stewardship of all funds entrusted to its mission of helping the poor 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.

Statistical Summary: Year Ending September 30, 2021

The 2021 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.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Conferences: 63
 Vincentian Volunteers: 1,102
 Paid Staff: 71

SPECIAL WORKS	PEOPLE SERVED	OPERATIONAL COST
Transitional Housing for Men	30	\$200,192
Dismas House		
Home Residence and Counseling Returning Citizens		
Vincentian Programs	606	\$288,419
Family Assistance, Uplift, Dental Assistance, Community Grants, Medical Co-Pay		
Vincentian Training and Development	1,102	\$456,854
Stores		
Furniture / Clothing / Household	55,960	\$4,099,330
Neighbor's Clothing / Furniture (no cost)	2,955	\$280,790
Information and Referral Calls	3,195	
Total Special Works	63,848	\$5,325,585
Management and Support Cost		\$1,475,910
Central Council Totals	63,848	\$6,801,495
Conferences		
Neighbor Assisted Financial Aid	81,595	\$1,454,103
In-Kind Assistance (estimated value)	24,108	\$1,375,563
Vincentian Volunteer Hours/Miles (value)		\$2,804,720
CONFERENCE TOTALS	105,703	\$5,634,386
DIOCESAN TOTALS	169,551	\$12,435,881



Our Donors

Our donors provide the opportunity for our Vincentians to deliver our mission. Whether donating clothing, furniture or financial support, they are silent heroes. Our neighbors in need don't know them, but they are forever grateful for the support they provide to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Sometimes a donor has a very personal history with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Such is the story Mary Ellen shared with us.

"For a period of time, in the early 70's, my mother struggled desperately to provide for my four siblings and me. She supported our family on the "salary" of a Howard Johnson waitress. When I was 9 years old, I vividly remember my mother telling me that she could not afford to keep our house and we were going to have to move. She did not know where, but she did not think we could all stay together.

Sometimes we had to use the stove to heat the house and meals were very basic. When I was older, I realized that my mom must have spent many days wondering how we would get our next meal. She was resourceful and we never went to bed hungry.

When we were all grown and standing on our own two feet, my mother joined the Conference at Maria Regina Parish. It was only then, that I found out when she could no longer keep all the balls in the air: roof over our heads, or food or heat or a hundred other expenses, it was the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that she turned to for help. It was very hard for her to ask for help; however, she was desperate and SVDP was that help. SVDP gave her a hand up."

Today, Mary Ellen supports us by being a monthly donor in our ACT Program.

Donors 10/1/20 – 9/30/21

\$50,000 and over

The Estate of James Derespiris
The H.W. Wilson Foundation
The Estate of Mary DeMott

\$49,999 – \$20,000

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ACT

Affecting Change Together

The following individuals have made a commitment to give a scheduled amount to the Society monthly.

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Daniel Jansen
Kevin J. Kenny

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John K. Mulvey
Samuel Pellegrino
Katherine Peterson
Anthony Tabone
Martin G. Tall
Glenn Tyranski
Carole Stuchbury



Dismas House

Dismas House is classified as a transitional housing program. But if you get to know the residents, transformative housing program might be a more accurate description.

Dismas House is a program of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Long Island and was founded in 1988 after discovering that community level support is crucial to the transitional success of returning citizens. Dismas House provides a clean, supportive, and safe environment that is a departure from an institutional setting. It is an environment that is conducive to recovery and focuses on self-sufficiency in an effort towards achieving independent living for each of the residents. With the guidance of the staff who provide personalized direction for each resident as well as volunteers that offer their time and presence at the house, they can begin to stabilize

while establishing consistent individual and work habits, healthy relationships, and a special level of spiritual growth.

The men who come to Dismas House are turning toward a new way of life. Richard, a current resident, reflected recently, "...at Dismas House, I found the opportunity and the tools I need to set my path in the right direction." In turn, Richard is "paying it forward" by working at a nonprofit that has a mission to make a positive impact on local youth. According to Richard, guiding young people to make better choices has been as much of a gift to himself as it is to the youth in the program. He recently accompanied a young man to a court appearance that happened to fall one year from the date of his own arrival at Dismas House. What a reminder of his ongoing transformation!

Thrift Stores & Clothing Donation Bins

We have two thrift stores and 247 clothing donation bins. Whether you are shopping or donating items you are helping families in need on Long Island. The revenue from our stores goes to support our mission.

When a family that is struggling to put food on the table or heat their home, comes to one of our stores to select clothing and other household necessities, you can see in their smiles that a small weight has been lifted. Those smiles can also transform the day of the store staff.

“We bear witness to the raw emotion of helping those in need: whether it’s a tearful phone call thanking us for supplying beds, or a visit in the store to tell us we helped them get started in the right direction, these moments magnify the role our stores play in the Society’s mission. I also find that those we help are the most giving people themselves, so, it starts a chain of paying it forward. Above all, I can speak from experience in saying that, it creates a good feeling inside of you.”

~Brian Dilts
Huntington Thrift Store Manager





Special Events

Over the past two years, the pandemic has made running special events very unpredictable. Even outdoor events like our Golf Classic and Friends of the Poor Walk have been challenging. Fortunately, the timing of our golf event coincided with the lifting of the mask requirement for outdoor venues. We were blessed by a beautiful day at the Huntington Country Club. The mantra for the day was “seems like old times,” perhaps a transformation in reverse! We were thrilled to honor long standing Corporate Supporter, Mutual of America and Vincentian John Gatto. Thank you once again to our sponsors and to all that joined us.

Additionally, we welcomed back several hundred participants to the Friends of the Poor Walk at Bethpage Community Park, while hundreds more participated in local walks in their parish community. The pandemic encouraged us to be flexible and accommodate people’s needs. Whether on the street in Bethpage, the Long Beach boardwalk, the grounds of Immaculate Conception Seminary, or the neighborhoods surrounding various churches, the message was the same: “We Help People.”



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