

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Council of Galveston-Houston

2007 Services Report

<i>Number of Individuals Served:</i>	<i>Program Services</i>	<i>Number Served</i>
Vincentian Services	Home Visits/Pantries/Financial Assistance	287,801
Central Council/VS	VS Direct Assistance (Special Requests)	72
Vincentian Services- Special Projects	Special Projects	171
Central Council/KAT	KAT Direct Assistance – Non Conference	828
Distribution Services	Furniture & Living Kit Vouchers	3,594
Thrift Stores	Clothing Vouchers	3,049
Food Depot	Food Services	3,968
Katrina Aid Today offices	Disaster Case Management	2,833
Village	Emergency Shelter/Supportive Housing	3,049
Total individuals served in 2007		<u>305,365</u>
Vincentian Services-Referrals	Telephone referrals from Central Office- not included in total above to avoid possible duplication	<u>11,023</u>
		<u>Vol. Hours</u>
<i>Number of Volunteer Hours:</i>	<i>Source of Information</i>	
Vincentian Services	Monthly Reports from Conferences	117,977
Vincentian Services- Special Projects	Report from Program Director	291
Central Council	Volunteer sign in sheets	43
Warehouse- Community Service	Monthly Community Service Reports	356
Warehouse- other volunteers	Monthly Special Projects Service Report	633
Thrift Stores- other volunteers	Volunteer sign in sheets	978
Katrina Aid Today offices	Report from Program Director	6,480
Rita Hurricane Relief/Distribution	Report from Program Director	8,293
Food Depot	Report from Program Director	145
Village	Report from Program Director	2,980
Total volunteer hours in 2007		<u>138,176</u>

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Central Council of Galveston-Houston of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides leadership, technical assistance, management training and resource development. This allows local Conferences to better devote their own resources to serving their communities. The Council seeks to develop and promote innovative strategies that address human needs and social justices. The Council responds to the Council of the United States in its focuses on economic justice, ending hunger and poverty in America, and the Society's response to natural disasters nationally and internationally.

VINCENTIAN SERVICES *Serving those who serve others*

Vincentian Services focuses on the implementation of Formation of new members and Conferences, Conference Renewals, Spirituality, and Service to the poor and marginalized. Staff promotes service to the poor by providing Conferences with referrals to partner agencies, current resources, financial assistance and community service projects. Promotes holiness and dignity of life with respect to creating programs that increase the quality of life, especially during times of crisis and provides for the immediate needs of our neighbors who come to us for help.

THRIFT STORE MINISTRY (Retail & Donations/Distribution operations)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves the community through a network of two thrift stores where people in need as well as the general public, can shop for low-cost clothing, furniture and household items. Employees and volunteers join together and collect, refurbish and merchandise donated items for the stores. Those who cannot afford to shop at the stores can receive needed items at no cost through a Vincentian referral system. Delivery is available. The SVdP Thrift Store Ministry also makes vocational training available to residents in our emergency shelter program; and all of our locations currently employ qualified recovery program graduates.

THE SVDP VILLAGE "SHORTENING THE TIME PEOPLE SPEND HOMELESS"

St. Vincent de Paul Village aims to promote stable, committed, well trained and self-sufficient families upon exiting our program. We intend to provide training, education, and personal development opportunities which will transform these individuals and equip them with the confidence and skills they need to succeed. The St. Vincent de Paul Village has committed itself to collaborating with other organizations in an effort to provide services, in order to continue to serve those in need and help them with necessary tools to become economically self-sufficient before exiting St Vincent de Paul Village.

JOHN L. FOOD DEPOT

Like a conventional pantry, the goal of our new **SVdP John L. Neighborhood Food Depot**-pantry program is to provide the client with groceries but in the style of a grocery store atmosphere, rather than a food pantry. Clients will utilize shopping carts and travel down food aisles to select the foods their family would prefer. They are encouraged to take what they need and will be allowed to select food based on their individual and family preferences, needs and circumstances.

N.O.C. (NETWORK OF CHARITY) Katrina Aid Today

Survivors of hurricane Katrina require immediate assistance in rebuilding their lives to a level of self-sufficiency. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, through the Network of Charity Family Advocate Program, assists individuals and families who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The program provides one-on-one personal service and addresses basic needs like housing, transportation and employment, which can be overwhelming and confusing.