



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Statement from Bruce Marek - Board President

When the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was first established, the services provided to individuals and families were simple and basic. This help extended to assisting thousands of people suffering from the effects of poverty. However, poverty in 1871 was much different than poverty today. In the beginnings of the Society, giving shelter to homeless families was enough to help them get back onto their feet. Poverty today is not merely caused by a lack of shelter or food, but involves a variety of underlying unmet physical, economic and social needs.

Today, the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul includes services that provide structured programs that focus on breaking the cycle of poverty, improving lives, and promoting economic self-sufficiency. The Society enhances its mission by working with individuals one on one and working with families as a complete unit. Every program that St. Vincent de Paul offers, not only cares for the immediate needs of our neighbors, but also involves sustaining healthy lives, building safe communities and empowering individuals and families to reach their goals. Through qualified, gifted staff and dedicated volunteers, the Society provides professional training, education, career and personal development opportunities which help to transform individuals and equip them with the confidence and skills they need to succeed.

The Society believes that an entire body working together can form a strong, healthy community. Social Service programs best accomplish their goals when they share energies and resources rather than trying to save the world single-handedly. For this reason, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collaborates with dozens of other service agencies to promote the success and greater good of those we serve.

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