



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Underserved Communities Initiative:

FY25 REPORT

October 2024 – September 2025

Building capacity for Conferences in distressed and at-risk areas

I. IMPACT SINCE PROGRAM INCEPTION

In efforts to achieve the organizational goal of creating **healthy, vibrant Conferences** to **increase impact** in the at-risk and distressed areas of Galveston-Houston, the Underserved Communities Initiative's internal grant program was launched in 2022. This year, two additional conferences were added to the program - St. Frances de Sales and St Albert of Trapani.

The requirements for a parish's Conference to enter the program:

1. Historical deficiency in financial and/or human capacity to serve the community.
2. Conduct home visits in an at-risk or distressed zip code area.
3. Have a minimum of 12 active members conducting 2 Conference meetings each month.
4. Conduct recruitment events and onboard a minimum of 2 new members during the grant cycle.
5. Use CMS (Case Management System) for monthly reporting of home visit data.
6. Conducted a Conference assessment to comply with the National SVdP *Standards of Excellence*.
7. Regularly submit impact stories for continuous fundraising efforts.
8. Attend Formation events for continual spiritual and capacity development.



Phase I of the program is designed to **improve the financial capacity** of Conferences to serve distressed and at-risk communities.

- **Holy Family (Galveston) - \$10K per month**
- **St. Monica (Acres Homes) - \$10K per month**
- **St. Patrick (Kashmere Gardens) - \$10K per month**
- **St. Thomas Apostle (Huntsville) - \$5K per month**
- **St. Thomas More (Westbury) - \$10K per month**

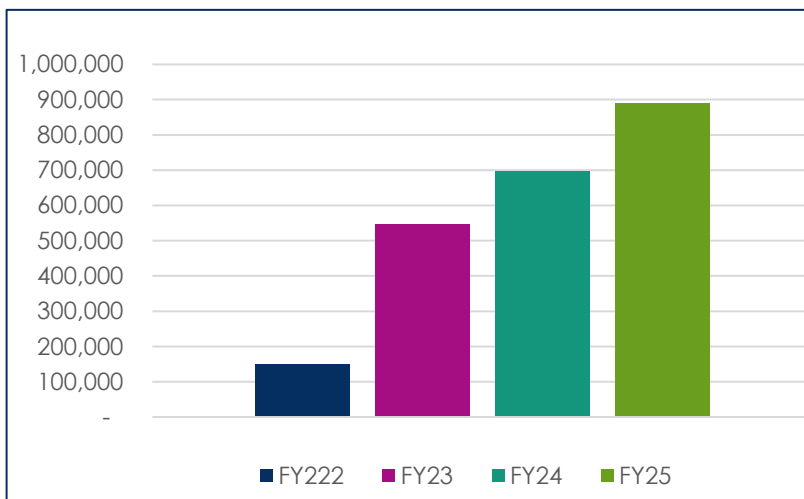


Phase II is designed to **improve both financial and human capacity** issues that prevent healthy operations and vibrant service to serve Galveston-Houston.

- **St. Albert* (Southwest Houston) \$5K per month**
- **St. Ambrose (Northside) - \$5K per month**
- **St. Francis de Sales (Sharpstown) \$10K per month**
- **St. Mary Purification (Third Ward) - \$5K per month**
- **St. Thomas Aquinas (Alief) - \$5K per month**

*St. Albert joined the grant in Cycle 2 of FY'25

Phase III is anticipated to launch in fiscal year 2026 by opening two new Conferences projected to receive \$2.5K each month to launch their home visit program.



Since program inception, the Society of Galveston Houston Council Office placed **over \$2.2M** in underserved communities through the Home Visit program to decrease the financial hardship that often leads to homelessness in Greater Houston.

There has been a **600 % increase** in grant funding since inception.

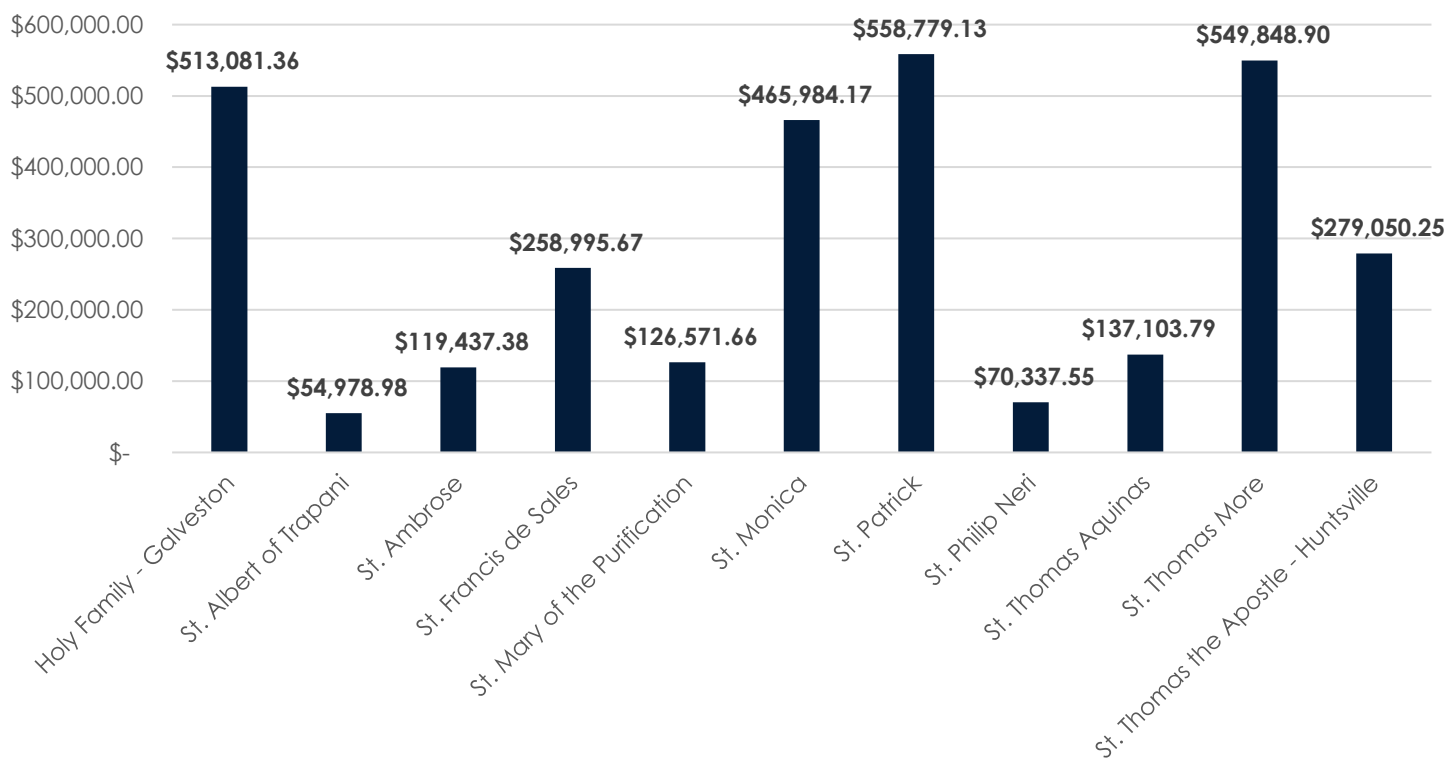


> 17K people have been impacted

> 7K Children were kept safe in their homes, schools, and communities

>5K households served since inception

Total Assistance Distributed to our Neighbors since grant inception in FY'22

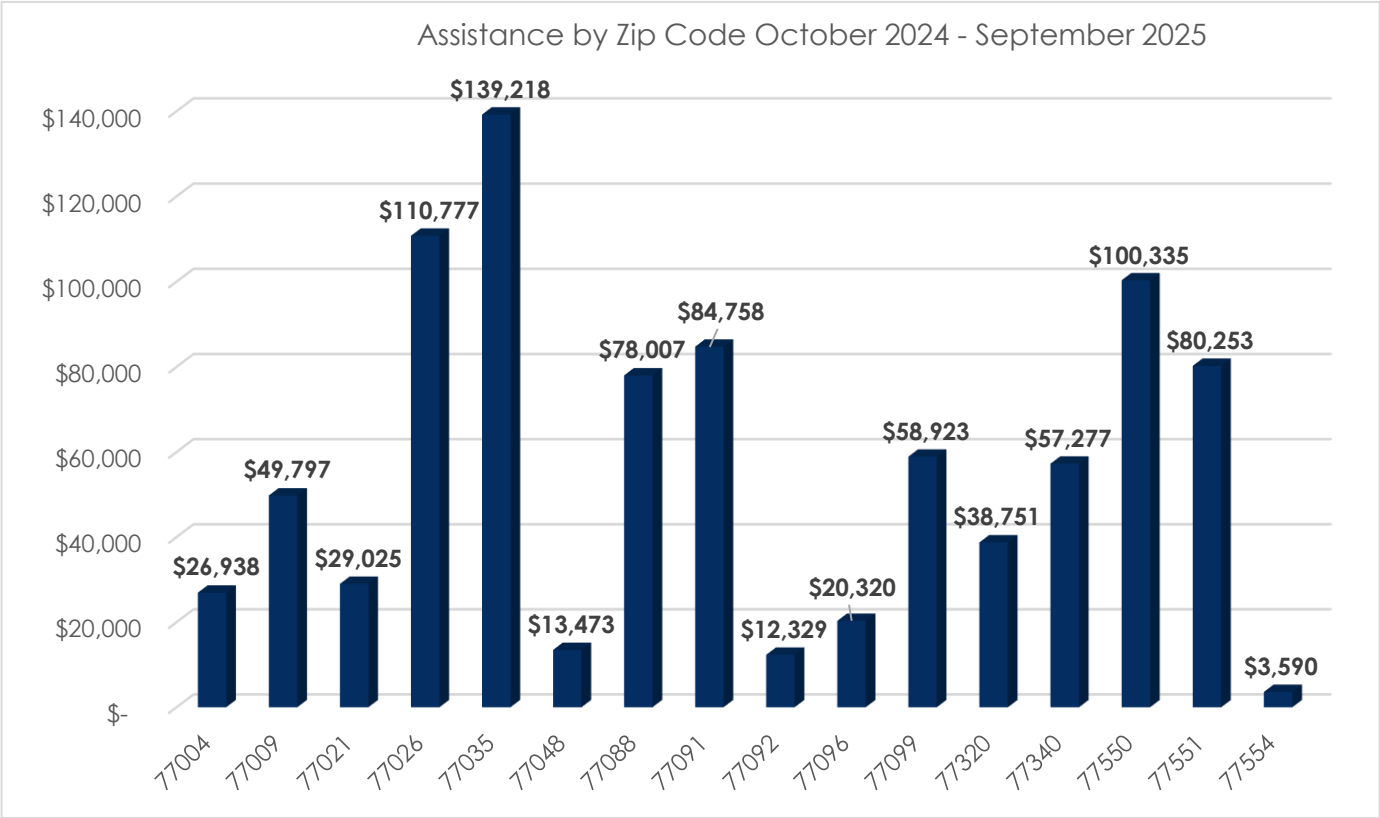
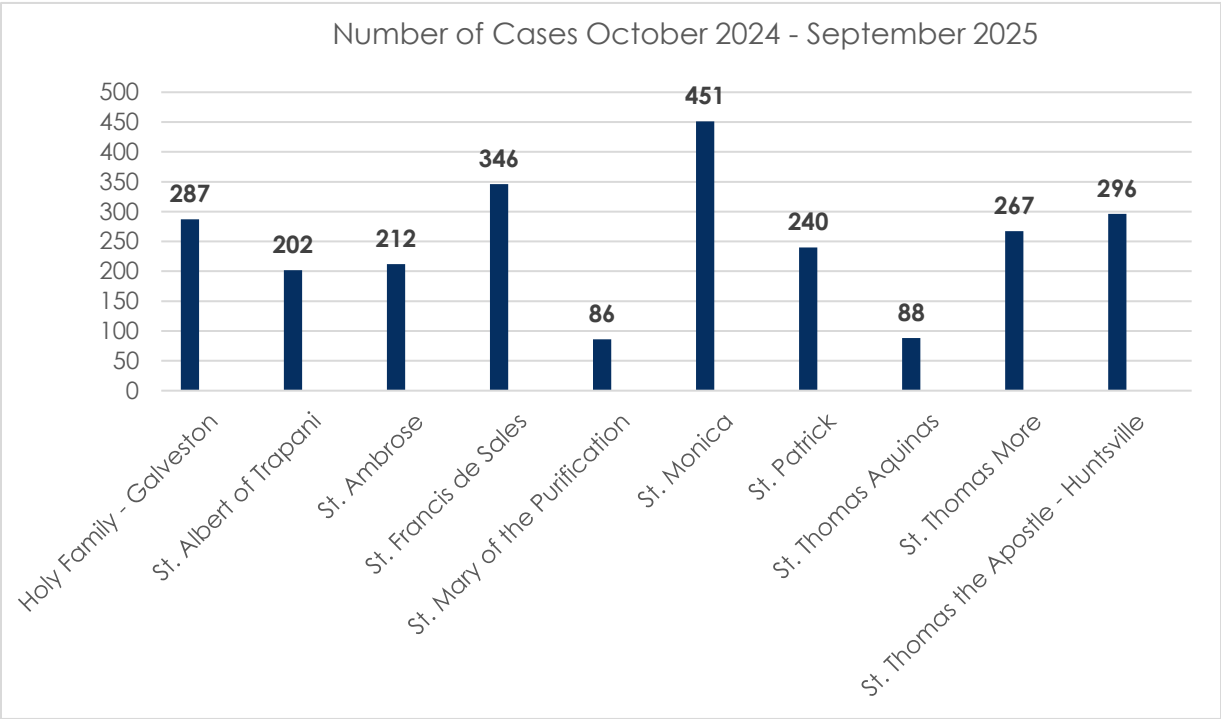


>3.1M of financial assistance provided to families across Galveston Houston since inception
40% increase in financial capacity for Conferences serving at-risk and distressed areas

II. FY25 COMMUNITY IMPACT

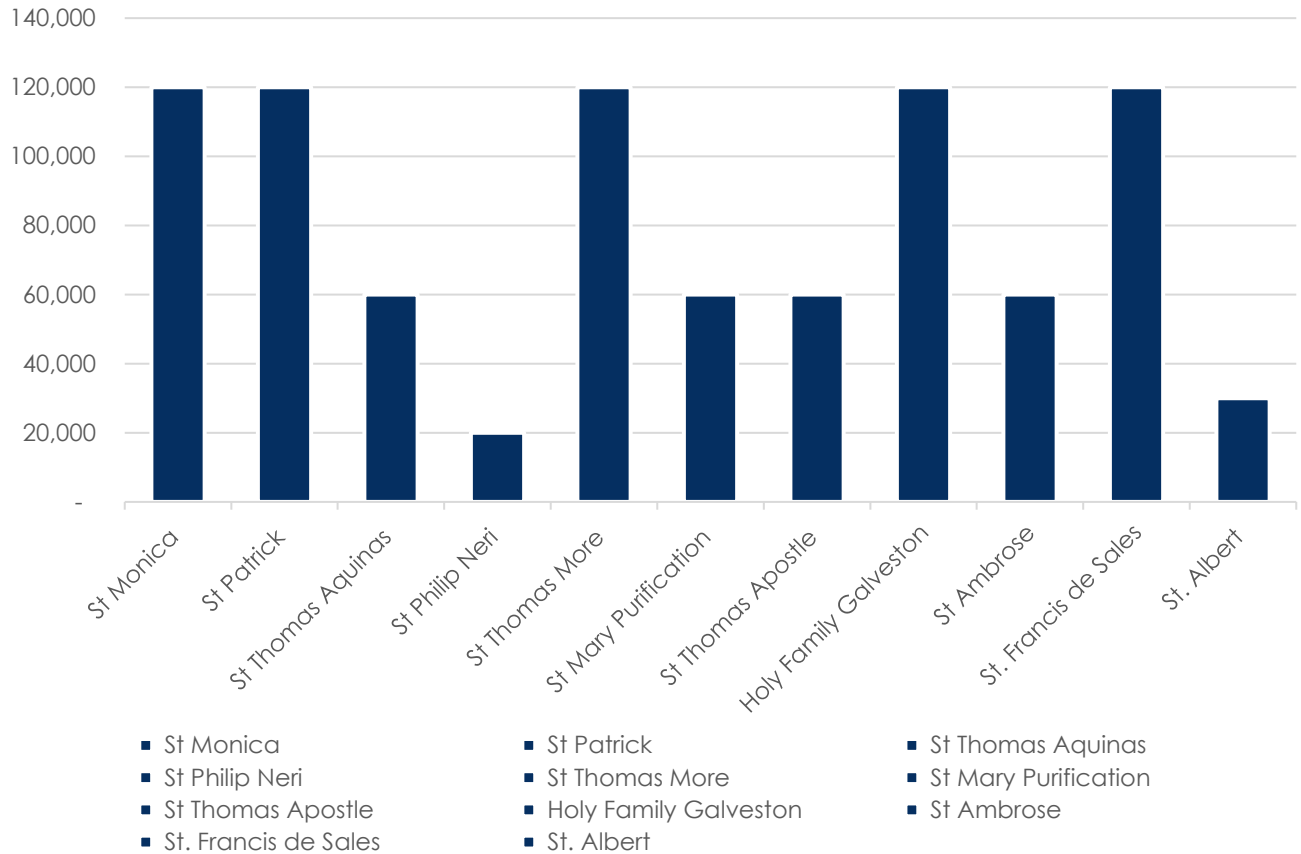
Each quarter, Vincentians experienced >500 home visit cases in underserved areas and provided >\$275K of financial assistance. 79% of cases are rental assistance for families to evade homelessness.

St. Monica
(Acres
Homes)
continues to
experience
the highest
number of
cases.

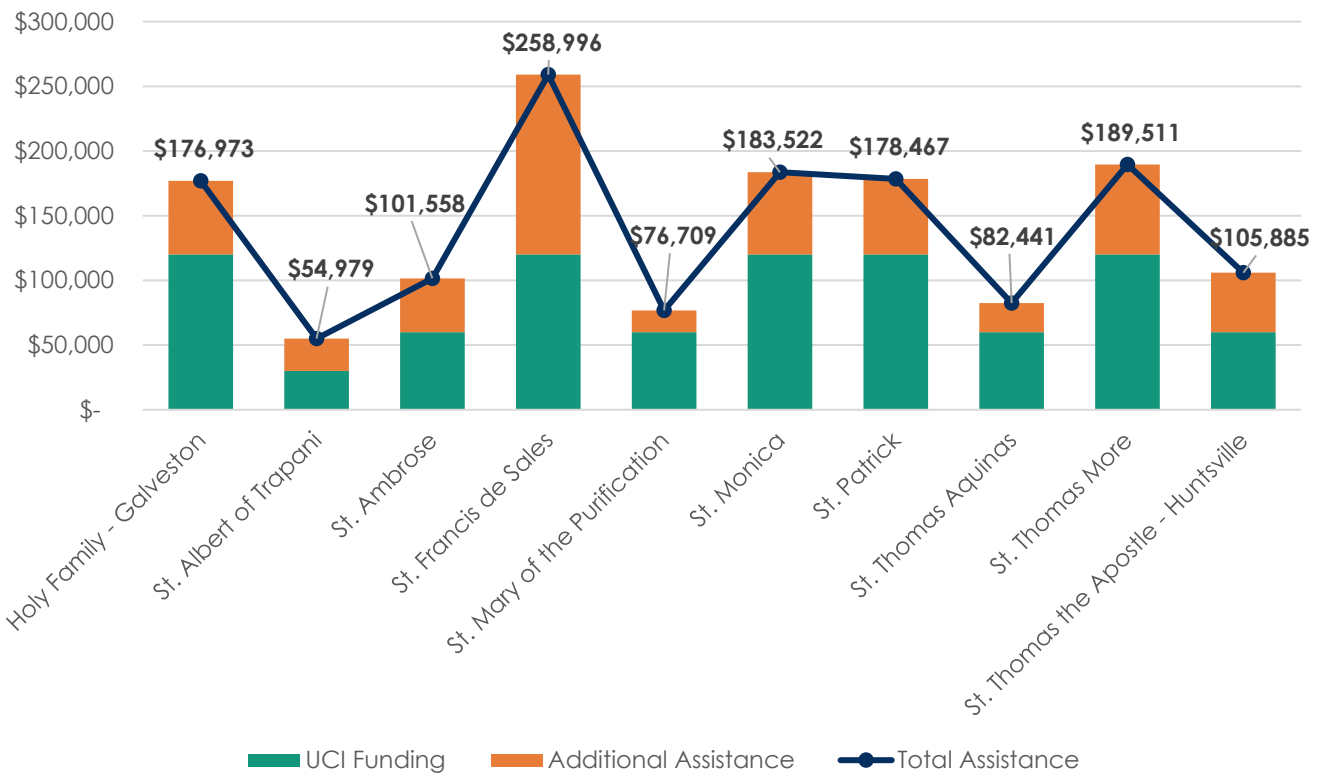


Homelessness Prevention - keeping water and lights on so that children can be clean, fed, and educated. Average housing assistance is \$594; average utility assistance is \$285.

Funding Distributed to the Conference October 2024 - September 2025



Total Assistance Distributed to our Neighbors
October 2024 - September 2025

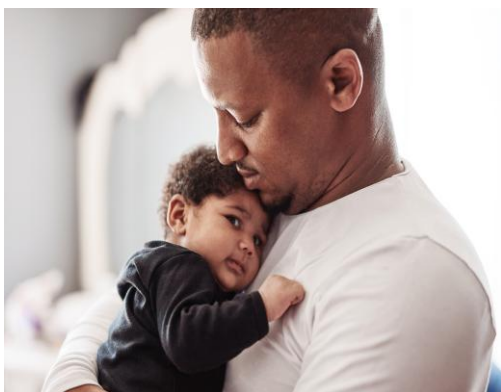


III. IMPACT STORIES



St. Thomas Aquinas (Alief) In August 2025, we assisted a neighbor who is a 56-year-old wife and mother. When she reached out to us, her husband was about to be placed in hospice care due to stage-4 cancer. Unfortunately, by the time we visited, he had passed away. Their situation had left them behind on rent, so we provided \$1,477 to help alleviate the stress and threat of homelessness for the mother and children. Our neighbor expressed deep gratitude for our support. Currently, she is working and managing to keep up with her rent. Although she faces challenges, her apartment complex has been understanding, allowing her to pay her rent in two installments.

St. Francis de Sales (Sharpstown) Rebecca, a young single woman, reached out for assistance with her overdue rent. Her difficulties began when her roommate, who had been contributing to the rent, moved out, leaving her to cover the entire cost. Compounding her challenges, Rebecca's car required significant repairs that she could not afford, leading her to dispose of it. Shortly after, she lost her job. We successfully advocated for the removal of her late fees, bringing her account to a zero balance. Since then, Rebecca has found a job as an assistant therapist, working with autistic children at a location accessible by bus. She is incredibly grateful for the support and kindness we have shown her.



St. Thomas More (Westbury) Josh is a married father of three children, including seven-year-old twins and a four-month-old boy. His mother-in-law also lives with the family. Josh has been struggling to find stable work recently, and both he and his wife have only been able to work sporadically, remaining unemployed for the past three weeks. The mother-in-law has been unable to work due to recent health issues. Although she received temporary food stamp benefits during her recovery, that assistance has now ended. Both Josh and his wife are actively seeking stable employment to support their family. Due to their difficult circumstances, they are behind on their June rent of \$755. The landlord has confirmed the current lease, with

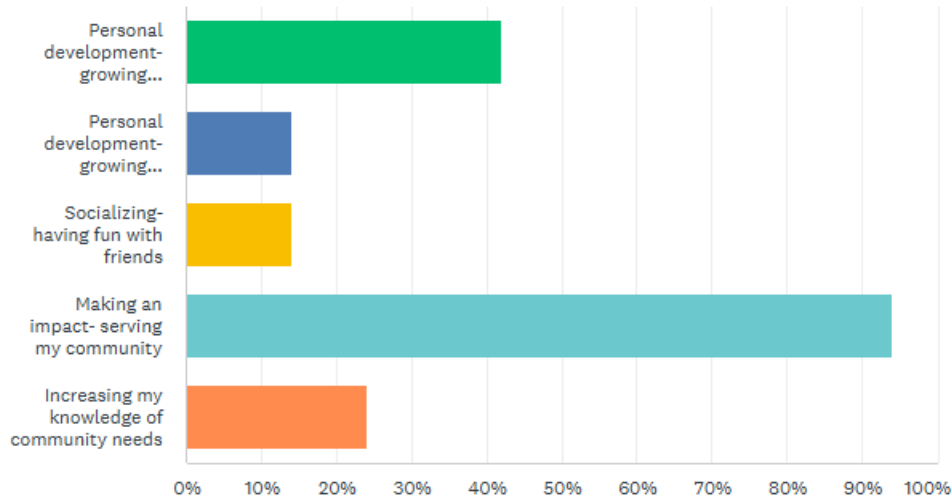
a monthly rent of \$755 and an outstanding balance of \$755. Thanks to the Underserved Community Program Grant, we were able to pledge \$750 toward their outstanding rent balance, which the landlord accepted as payment in full.

52% of neighbors who received help confirmed their financial situation improved after experiencing the home visit.

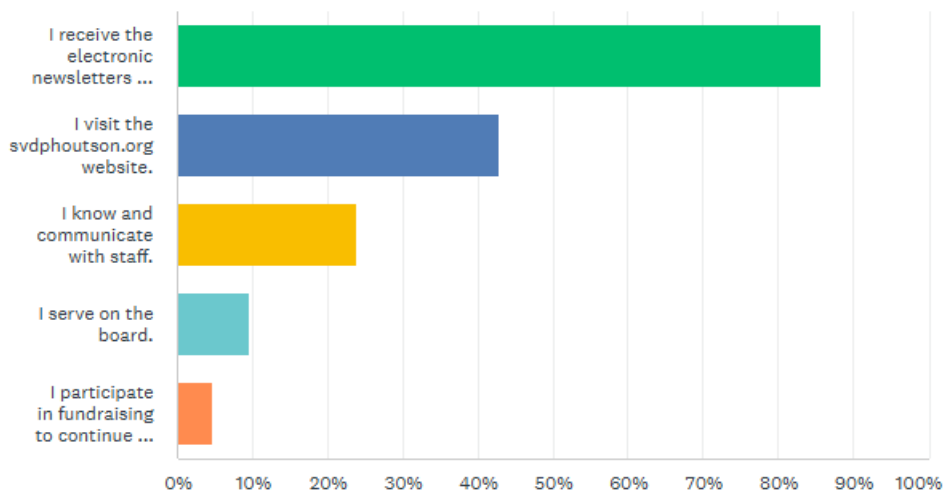
Vincentian members' responses to the effectiveness of the program

17% response rate

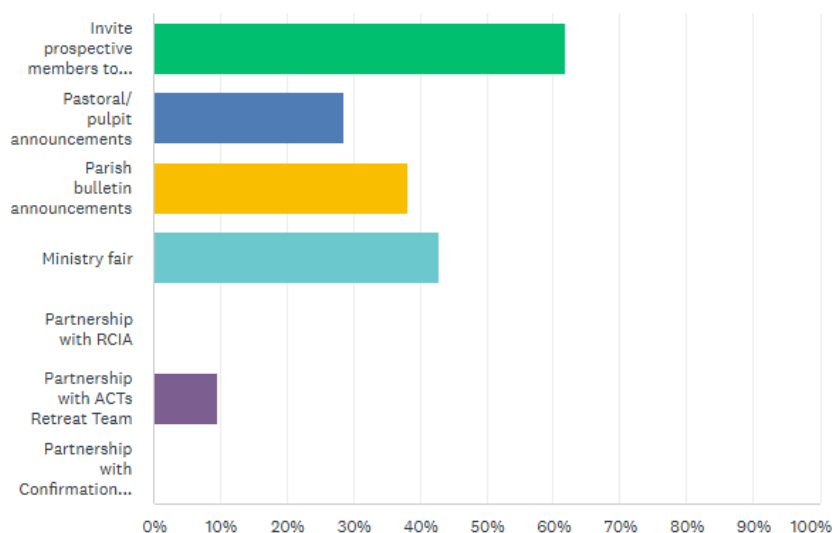
What do you like most about being a Vincentian?



Interaction with Council?



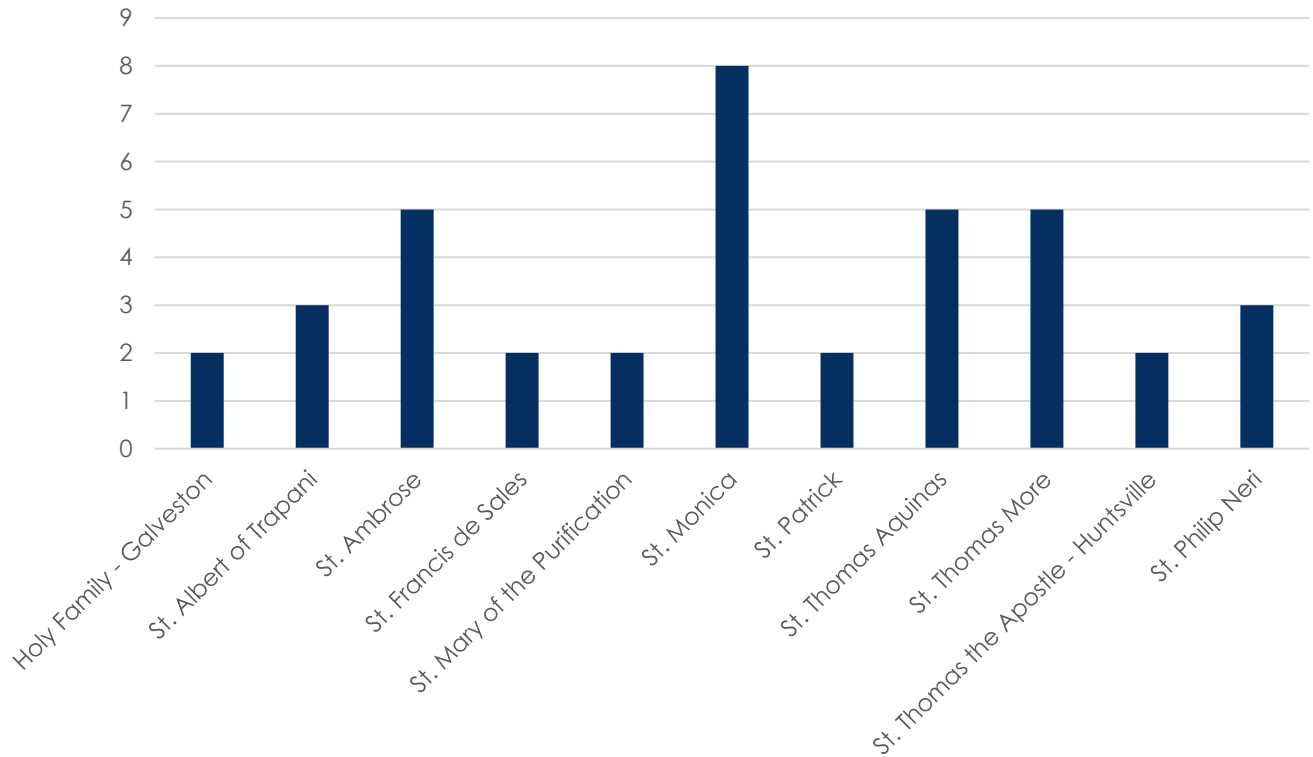
What type of recruitment activities does your Conference do?



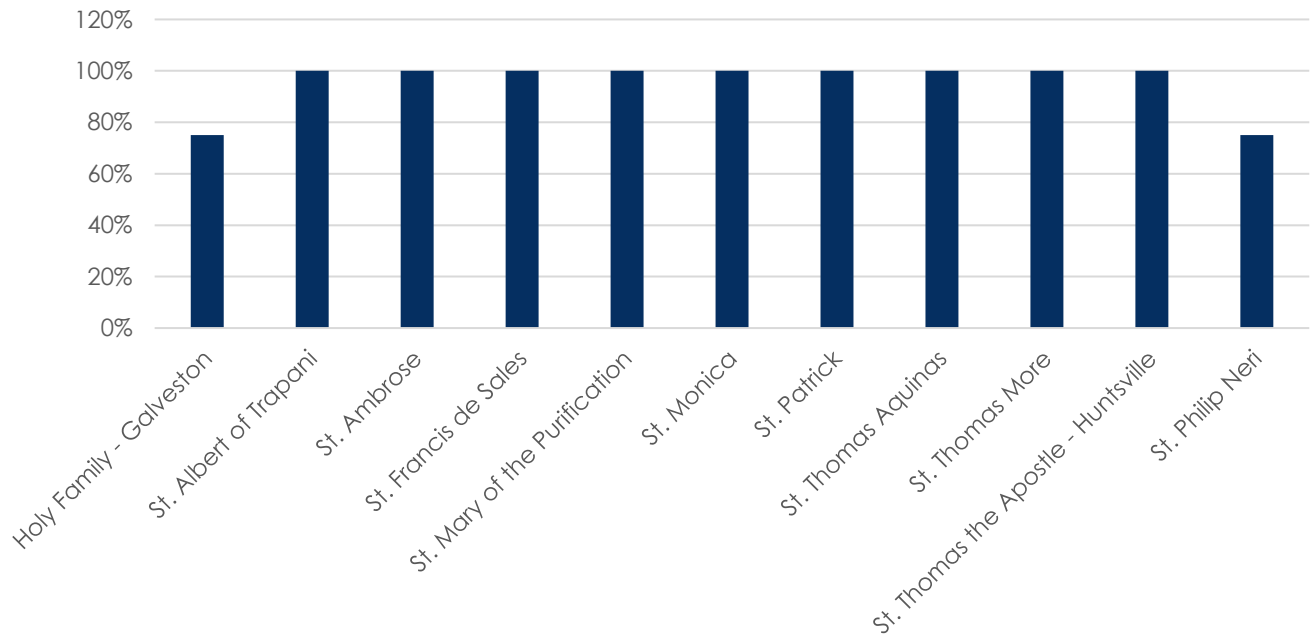
Members experienced an increase in collaborations with the ACTs Retreats as opposed to last year.

Opportunities to collaborate remain with OCIA (formerly known as RCIA).

New Members in FY25



District Meeting Attendance



View the *Underserved Communities Initiative* videos by visiting the
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