



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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FY 2024 REPORT

October 2023 – September 2024

Underserved Communities Initiative

I. IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION

In efforts to achieve the organizational goals of creating healthy, vibrant Conferences and increasing the mission's impact by serving at-risk and distressed areas of Galveston-Houston, UCI grant program launched in May 2022.

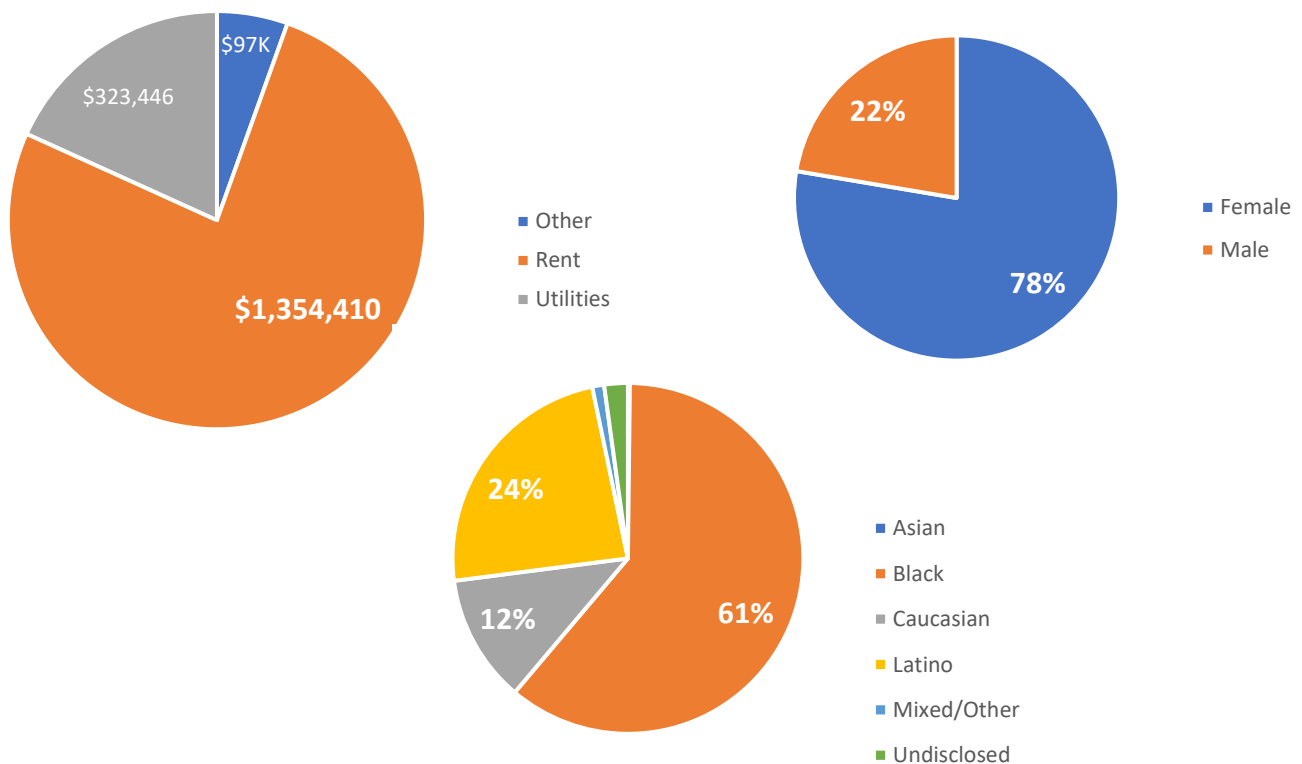
Phase I of the program is designed to **improve the financial capacity** of Conferences.

Phase II is designed to **improve both financial and human capacity** issues that hinder Conferences from becoming healthier and more vibrant to serve Galveston-Houston.

Phase III is anticipated to launch in fiscal year 2025 by **opening two new Conferences**.

Since the launch of the grant program, the Society has distributed **over \$1.7M** to almost **10K people** across Galveston- Houston.

Conference	Sum of Assistance	Distinct Count of Cases	Sum of Children
Holy Family - Galveston	\$351,083	527	907
St. Ambrose	\$20,593	44	65
St. Mary of the Purification	\$55,963	80	35
St. Monica	\$291,974	695	785
St. Patrick	\$390,952	724	617
St. Philip Neri	\$51,703	102	101
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$58,998	83	92
St. Thomas More	\$369,639	693	1036
St. Thomas the Apostle - Huntsville	\$184,351	496	699
Grand Total	\$1,775,256	3444	4337



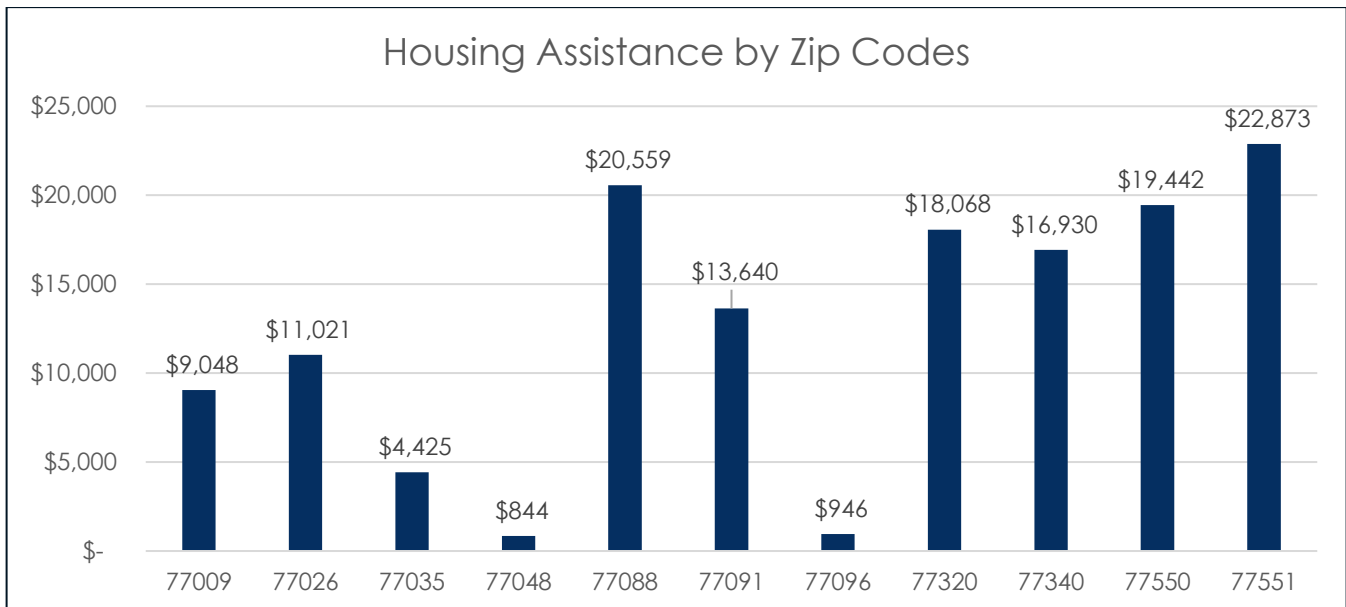
II. FY24 COMMUNITY IMPACT

First Quarter: **439** cases received more than **\$210K** of total assistance
 Second Quarter: **409** cases received more than **\$215K** of total assistance
 *Third Quarter: **420** cases received more than **\$219K** of total assistance
 ***Fourth Quarter: **472** cases received more than **\$231K** of total assistance

77% rental assistance to **evade homelessness**

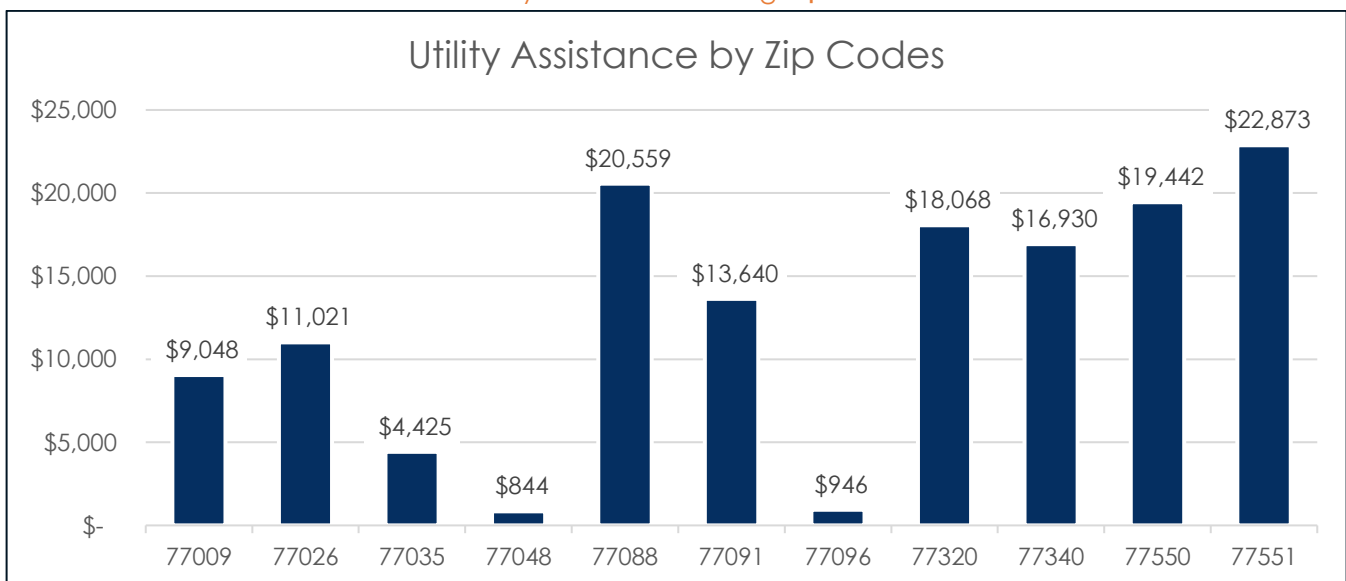
*Federally declared disasters, Derecho Winds and Hurricane Beryl, which resulted in several underserved areas being without power and an increased need for financial relief.

****St. Phil Neri** and **St. Ambrose** experienced a pause in funding due to a lower volume of home visits.



Housing assistance average **\$657**

Utility assistance average **\$264**



5027 individuals evaded homelessness and utility disconnections.

48% of cases with children

Conferences	Sum of Assistance	Sum of # in Household	Sum of # of Children
Holy Family - Galveston	\$99,730	759	502
St. Ambrose	\$14,012	106	65
St. Mary of the Purification	\$16,522	59	35
St. Monica	\$81,600	698	424
St. Patrick	\$52,405	333	203
St. Philip Neri	\$9,008	52	32
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$31,029	160	90
St. Thomas More	\$108,177	760	431
St. Thomas the Apostle - Huntsville	\$52,430	697	411
Grand Total	\$464,913	3624	2193

A survey of neighbors who received financial assistance from the Underserved Communities Initiative's grant program revealed that **over 50%** felt like their financial situation improved after experiencing the home visit.

III. PROGRAM IMPACT STORIES



Ed is 71 years of age and has worked in the construction field all his life. He retired at 64 due to a medical issue that kept him hospitalized for several months. His wife is 57 years old and cannot work in order to be able to care for Ed. The couple lives on Ed's social security payment of just over \$1,600 per month. The couple lives frugally and is typically able to make ends meet.

The recent storms in Walker County caused the couple to lose power twice and all food in their refrigerator and freezer. Additionally, the cost of having trees cleared from around their home resulted in the inability to pay for Ed's medications. He was in the Medicare hole paying a 25 % cost for medications.

He contacted the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with a request for assistance and informed Vincentians that his prescriptions were at two different pharmacies. He had called around to get the best price, and the final cost both prescriptions was \$386. Vincentians were able to pay for one prescription on-line and a Vincentian met Ed at the second pharmacy to pay for the other prescription.

"Because Ed may be in the same situation next year, Vincentians recommended he visit the BCVAP office and apply for assistance. If successful, this should put him in a better financial position to pay in the future. If not, we will, God willing, likely assist him next year," the St. Thomas Apostle President stated.



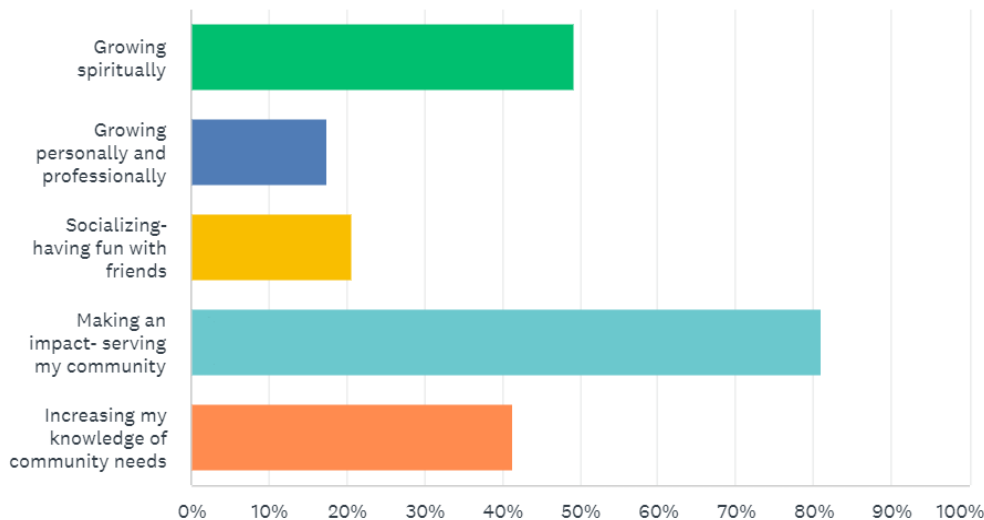
The Johnson family includes a mom, dad, and three children. After getting settled with a job as a maintenance man for a real estate company, the family purchased a trailer in 2023 on small plot of land, established a large garden, as well as goats and chickens. Their goal was to live as self-sufficiently as possible. The land had no record of historical flooding, which prompted the family to not purchase flood insurance.

The home was flooded in the torrential rains, and they lost mom's car and many possessions including 14 goats and 70 chickens. Fortunately, dad's truck was off-site and had not flooded so he was able to still get to work. The pastor of their church provided them with a house to live in while they discerned what to do next.

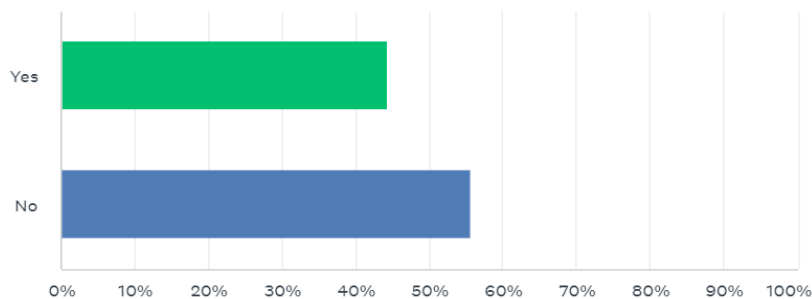
Initially, the conference provided over \$100 in assistance to pay for groceries and a utility bill. Dad had to go out of town for work, but his truck needed heavy maintenance in order to make it safely out of town. The conference paid an additional \$800 for the repairs and insurance. "We were able to provide this level of assistance solely because of the Underserved Community Program grant and additional funds we received from our parishioners for flood assistance," reported the Conference Vice President.

EVALUATION RESULTS: 63 Vincentians participated

What do you like most about being a Vincentian?

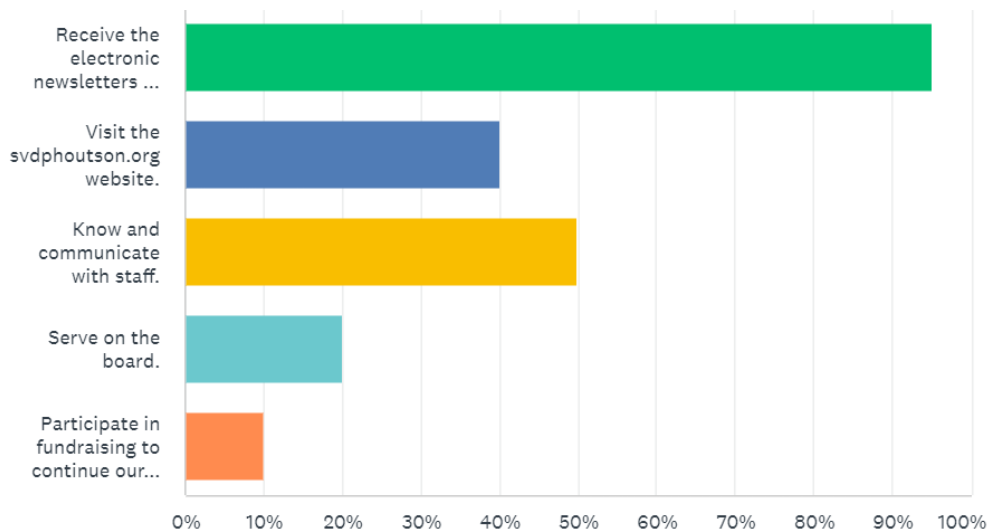


Have you recently attended any district meetings held by your Archdiocesan District President?

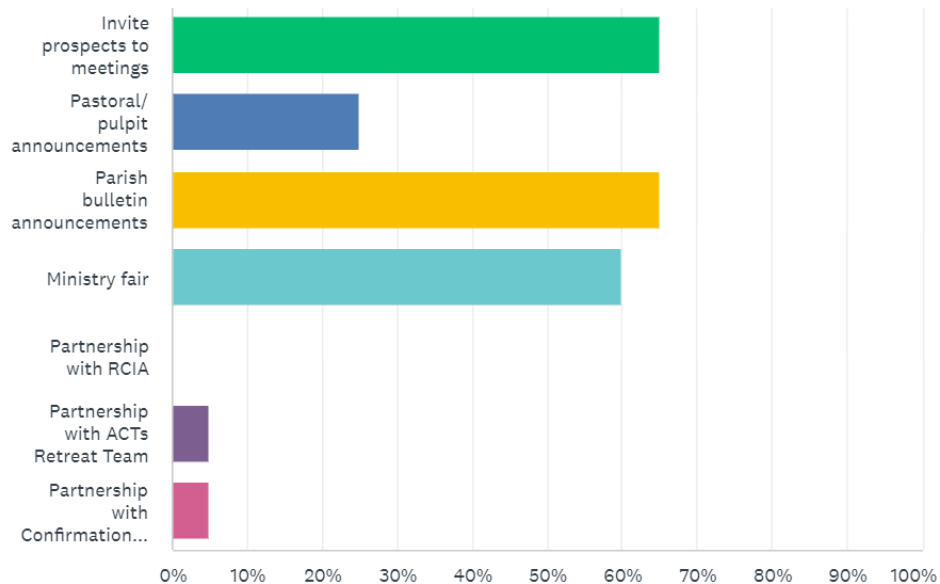


Schedule conflicts and personal obligations are the top reasons for not attending.

Interaction with Council?



What type of recruitment activities does your Conference do?



How likely is it that you would recruit a family member or friend to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

3.8★
average rating

