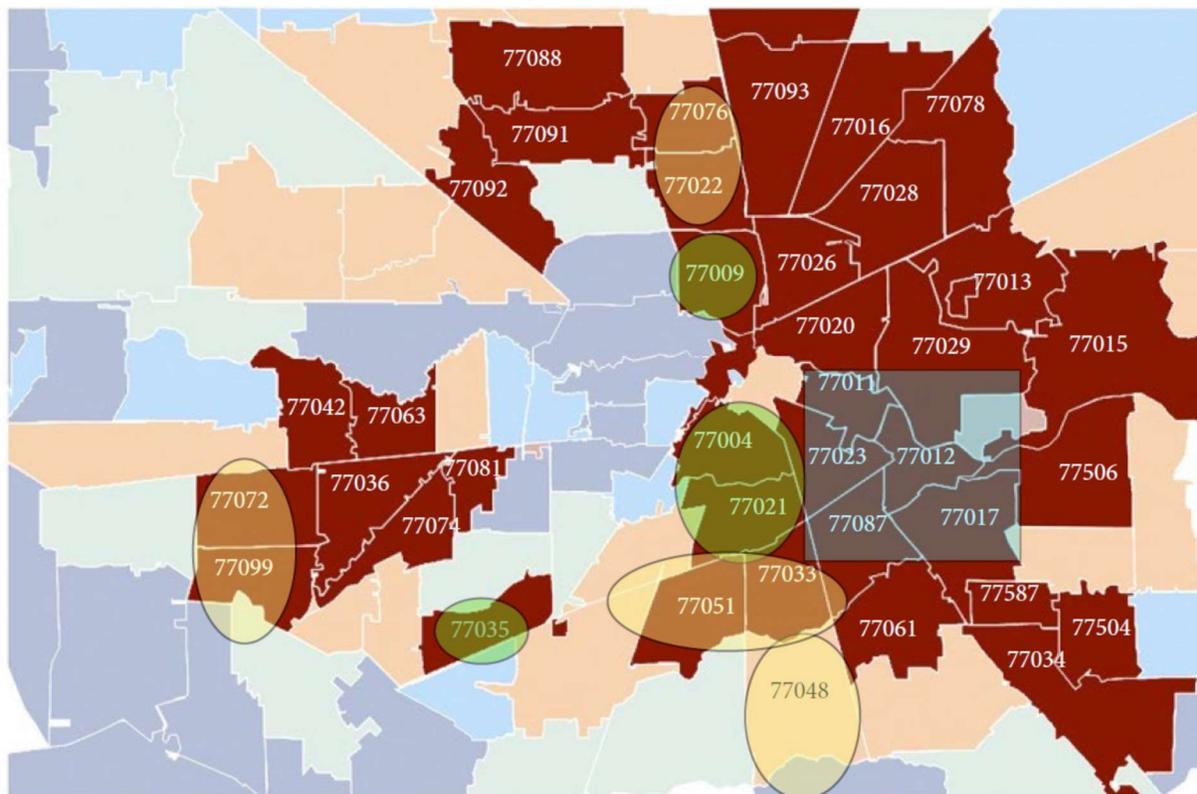




EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for the prior support of the Brown Foundation and humbly requests consideration of a gift of \$250,000 to support and grow our direct aid programs. Our long-term plan is to fund these programs through the establishment of an endowment. The Society has embarked on a \$30 million fundraising campaign chaired by long-time supporter Stan Marek, whose family has been instrumental to the Society for over six decades. Over \$8.3 million has been raised to date, which will generate \$350,000 this year in support of the poorest areas in Greater Houston. Funding from the Brown Foundation will serve as a bridge to support direct service programs over the next two years until the endowment fund generates additional revenue.

Per the Kinder Institute, in Harris County, 45 ZIP codes are economically distressed — twice as many as the number of mid-tier, comfortable or prosperous ZIP codes in the county. Eight of the 45 distressed ZIP codes are majority-Black and 28 are majority-Hispanic. With the exception of St. Philip Neri Conference located in 77048, all the zip codes we are proposing to support with this funding, were identified as one of the economically distress zip codes per the Kinder Institute.



Source: Economic Innovation Group

- 1. Funding for Conferences that have volunteer resources, but lack financial resources to meet demands; examples of communities where funding would be used (green oval):**
 - St. Patrick: Conference that opened in 2021 on the near northside (77009). 63% Hispanic Community. 1900 households in parish and Conference has 18 members. Parish has limited financial resources, so Conference relies on other funding to help local community.

- St. Thomas More: Conference is located in 77096 but majority of their serve is in 77035 on Southwest side of Houston. 72% Hispanic community. 4400 households in parish and Conference has 19 members. In addition to financial aid, they operate a food pantry.
- St. Mary of the Purification: Located in Greater 3rd Ward in zip code 77004; Parish has 1080 members and the conference has 18 members. One of our oldest Conferences founded in 1940 and considered pre-dominantly black parish. When the need was great in 77021, their neighboring zip code, they adopted that zip code to meet the community needs.

2. Funding for Conferences that have desire to support community, yet struggle with resources both volunteer and financial to meet demands; examples of communities where funding would be used (yellow oval):

- St. Philip Neri: located on southeast side of Houston (77048). Small parish with only 300 households and conference has 8 members. 66% Black and 29% Hispanic. Until recently, majority of the services provided by the Conference was in the form of food distribution through their pantry. With funding from Brown Foundation, they started to help families with financial assistance, and we hope to continue to build capacity, both in volunteer and financial resources so that they can continue this effort.
- St. Charles Borromeo: located on northside of Houston (77022 and 77076). 3100 households in parish and Conference has 10 members. Both communities are 95% non-Caucasian.
- St. Thomas Aquinas: located on southwest side of Houston (77072 and 77099). 4400 households in parish and Conference has 10 members. 77072 is 45% Black and 32% Hispanic. 77099 is 68% Caucasian.
- St. Francis Xavier: located in Sunnyside community of Houston (77051 and 77033). Only 1000 households in parish and 13 members with average age of 76. Both communities are 98% non-Caucasian and majority Black. Though they have desire to help community, their capacity is limited and needs volunteer and financial support.

3. Funding to open new Conferences in high need areas where we currently do not have a presence; example of areas where funding would be used (blue square):

- Area around our Vincentian Services Center: In zip code 77087, located on southeast side of Houston, we operate a thrift store, distribution center and hold regular food fairs for the community which is 81% Hispanic. There are smaller parishes in the area, though all would be limited in financial resources due to the communities that they serve. Believe this would be a targeted location to open a new Conference.
- East side: We have a small Conference that serves 77011 and 77023 though mostly with food in the past and they have recently closed their food pantry. We believe that in collaboration with a few of the churches in that area and the surrounding zip codes to their east, we believe this is another targeted location to open a new Conference.

4. Funding to build capacity:

The other 20% of the funds would be used for resources to strengthen our conferences and expand our footprint, and it would include training and leadership development, staff support to volunteer leadership, program development and technology for equity across conferences. Besides the households that would be assisted directly with this funding, it will also provide hope to the conferences and a bridge for them to continue to serve, knowing that there is a source of funds for their future needs.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

BY THE NUMBERS - SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2021

1. VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED	
• Number of volunteers*	2,000
• Volunteer hours/FTE**	123,400/59 FTE
• Volunteer miles***	236,900
• Paid staff hours/FTE/three locations	25 FTE
2. LOCATION OF OUR SERVICES PROVIDED	
• Number of conferences (chapters)	56
• Percentage of parishes with SVDP	38%
• Percentage of zip codes served	68%
• Counties served:	
Austin, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller	
3. MEALS PROVIDED	
• Number of food bank pantries in the parishes	21
• Pounds of food distributed	4.5 million
• Dollar value of food****	\$8 million
• Number of meals served	3.1 million
• Number of households assisted	14,000
4. UTILITIES SUPPORT PROVIDED	
• Value of utility support	\$1.2 million
• Number of households assisted	5,200
• Average payment to household	\$224
5. DISASTER ASSISTANCE	
• Dollar value of disaster assistance	\$0.8 million
• Number of households assisted	668
• Average payment	\$1225
6. HOUSING	
• Dollar value of housing	\$2.5 million
• Number of households assisted	6,700
• Average rental payment	\$371

TOTALS

• Direct Aid	\$13.2 million
• In-kind	\$8.1 million
• Financial Assistance	\$5.1 million
• Unduplicated individuals	52,000
• Unduplicated households	15,000
• Duplicated individuals	127,000
• Duplicated households	33,000

*Volunteers provide direct service through parishes, in the thrift stores and warehouses.

**In-kind volunteer worth is valued at the IRS amount at \$28.54 per hour.

***Volunteers pay their own gas – the IRS value is \$56 cents a mile.

****The majority of the food is in-kind or discounted for purchase at the Houston Food Bank