

# 2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

## About

Amidst the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, we helped 52,000 people with direct aid totaling \$13.2 million!

We also celebrated our 150th Anniversary of providing short-term, immediate relief to our friends and neighbors in need living in the Greater Houston-Galveston Area.

We hope this impact report can help in your decision of supporting our organization for the next 150 years.





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“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”

(MT 25:35)



## FOOD NETWORK IMPACT IN 2021

**We distributed \$8 million dollars worth of food in our community.**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has 21 food pantries throughout the Greater Houston-Galveston Area.



Volunteers distributed 4.5 million pounds of food to families, seniors, disabled persons, and other vulnerable groups in need of food.



14,000 households were blessed with food this past year.



Your support helped us provide our community with 3.1 million healthy meals.

Data is taken from the 2021 Audit.





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## VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2021



**2,000**

Total number of Vincentian volunteers that gave their time and skills to help our friends and neighbors in need.



**123,400**

Total number of hours of service completed by our volunteers. Services included answering calls, meeting with our friends/neighbors, sorting donated items, delivering meals, and more.



**236,900**

Total unreimbursed miles driven by our volunteers to meet their destination, whether it was visiting a friend or neighbor in need or delivering meals.



**\$3,521,836**

Total estimated dollar value of the time and efforts of our volunteers. This is the equivalent to having 59 additional full-time employees!

### Did you know?

The Society's operations are highly dependent on volunteers. We only have 25 full-time staff members supporting the needs of our volunteers. Thank you volunteers for your hard work!

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# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



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Marguerite, from the Chapel of St. Basil, started a club with three of her friends. The girls make bracelets, have “spa days” for parents and friends, and host other activities to raise money for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Food Network.

The girls use their own money to buy supplies needed to make bracelets. Then, they sell them for “as much money as possible” to help those in need.

When the girls and other volunteers from St. Basil volunteer for Saturday Food Fairs, they donate the proceeds to our Food Network. So far, they have donated over \$100.00!

Their acts of kindness embody the three elements of the Society: spirituality, friendship, and service. Thank you Marguerite and friends for your dedication to serve others.



**SPIRITUALITY**



**FRIENDSHIP**



**SERVICE**





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“When someone is reduced to poverty,  
we have an obligation to help.”

(LEVITICUS 25:35)



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT PROVIDED IN 2021



- 5,200 households were provided with utilities assistance.
- 6,700 households were provided with rental assistance
- 668 households were provided with disaster assistance.



- \$224 - average assistance amount for utilities.
- \$371 - average assistance amount for rent.
- \$1,225 - average assistance provided for disaster-related needs.

**We distributed a total of \$4.5 million in financial assistance for utilities, rental payments, and disaster relief.**



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"They treat me like family and are all kind to me. It's been a blessing because they really made me feel wanted, loved, and cared for when I truly needed it the most." - James

# MEET OUR FRIEND, JAMES

James reached out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul after the pandemic affected his employment. He was working 40-45 hours a week, but his employer suddenly cut his hours down to 16.

"I was struggling and needed help so I reached out to the Society and explained my situation. They told me I could pick up some food once a week for as long as I needed to," shared James.

The volunteers soon learned that James also needed rental assistance or else he would lose his home.

"They helped me out once with my rent. The payment went through which gave me a chance to catch up on other bills and kept me from being evicted."

James is slowly getting back to normalcy. He now volunteers at the Food Pantry when he is able to.

"I just want to give back as a thank you for what they gave to me."



## LOCATION OF OUR SERVICES

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21

Number of SVDP chapters with a food pantry.

56

Number of SVDP chapters serving the Greater Houston Area.

38%

Percentage of parishes in the Greater Houston-Galveston Area that host an SVDP chapter.

68%

Percentage of zip codes served in the Greater Houston-Galveston Area.

### Did you know?

We provide services to 10 different counties in the Greater Houston-Galveston Area. Austin | Brazoria | Fort Bend | Galveston | Grimes | Harris | Montgomery | San Jacinto | Walker | Waller

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# Thank You

You can support our programs by making a donation.

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**Going to those in need for 150 Years.**