



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

Inspired by Gospel values, we grow spiritually through person to person service to all in need in our community. Our actions promote the dignity of the person, alleviate suffering and distress, while addressing the conditions that cause them through systemic change.

Our Vision

We are a community actively living our faith by loving and providing hope to our neighbors. We envision a future where access to financial and social resources is not limited by where one lives.

Our Essential Elements

Spirituality. Friendship. Service.

Honoring

ANN SCHORNO'S LEGACY

As we celebrate the remarkable contributions of Ann Schorno, who has dedicated 15 years of exemplary service to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, we invite you to join us in honoring her legacy.



Ann's unwavering commitment and visionary leadership have transformed the lives of thousands within our community.



"Serving this organization has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am deeply grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners."



To continue Ann's legacy of compassion and service, we encourage you to make a legacy gift in her honor.

Your contribution will help us sustain and expand our programs, ensuring that we can continue to make a profound impact on those in need.



If you would like to give a legacy gift in Ann's honor, please scan the QR code or visit svdphouston.org/ann.



Dear Neighbors and Partners,

As President of the Board of Directors for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (SVdP Houston), it is my distinct honor to share with you the highlights and accomplishments of the 2024 fiscal year.

This year has been one of extraordinary growth and transformation for our organization. Under the unwavering leadership of our Executive Director and the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and partners, we have made significant strides in our mission to serve those in need.

First, I want to inform you about a pivotal decision we made in the last fiscal year. After careful consideration, we decided to close our two thrift stores to better focus on our other programs. This was not an easy decision, but we believe it will allow us to allocate our resources more effectively and amplify the impact of our initiatives.

Our Underserved Communities Initiative has expanded its reach, providing critical support and services to at-risk and distressed communities. The Systemic Change Initiative: Getting Ahead programs have continued to empower individuals and families, helping them to build sustainable and brighter futures. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved.

We are also thrilled to announce the appointment of Val Senegal as our new Executive Director, effective April 1, 2025. Val brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for our mission. We are confident that her leadership will guide SVdP Houston into a future of continued success and innovation.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ann Schorno for her 15 years of exemplary service as our Executive Director. Ann's dedication and vision have been instrumental in shaping SVdP Houston into the organization it is today. She will remain with us until May 31, 2025, to ensure a smooth transition and to support Val in her new role.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support of our stakeholders. Your generosity and commitment to our mission have been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals and families.

As we look forward to the future, we remain committed to adapting to the changing needs of our communities and continuing our mission with renewed energy and focus. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are confident that, with your continued support, we will achieve even greater heights.

Thank you for your dedication and partnership.

Gerardo Rivera
Board President

Dear Friends,

As I prepare to conclude my tenure as Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, my heart is filled with profound gratitude and reflection. **Serving this remarkable organization and working alongside such dedicated individuals has been one of the greatest honors of my professional journey.**

Over the years, we have shared countless moments of triumph and challenge. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and I am deeply proud of the lasting impact we have made within our community. Our collective efforts have brought hope, support, and brighter futures to countless individuals and families in need. These memories and accomplishments will forever hold a special place in my heart.

As I look back, I am overwhelmed by the unwavering support and generosity of our donors, volunteers, and community partners. **Your commitment has been the cornerstone of our success, and I am endlessly grateful for the trust and faith you have placed in us.**

I am confident that under the leadership of Val Senegal, the Society will continue to flourish and expand its reach. Val's passion, vision, and unwavering commitment to our mission are truly inspiring. I have no doubt that she will guide the organization to even greater heights, building on the foundation we have laid together.

While I will be stepping away from my role, my dedication to the Society's mission remains steadfast. I will always remain a dedicated ambassador and active Vincentian, continuing to support our cause that has transformed the lives of thousands.

I encourage you to remain engaged and committed to our shared mission. **Your ongoing support is vital to the success and growth of our organization, and together, we can continue to make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.**

In the spirit of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul,

Ann Schorno
Executive Director

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REVENUE

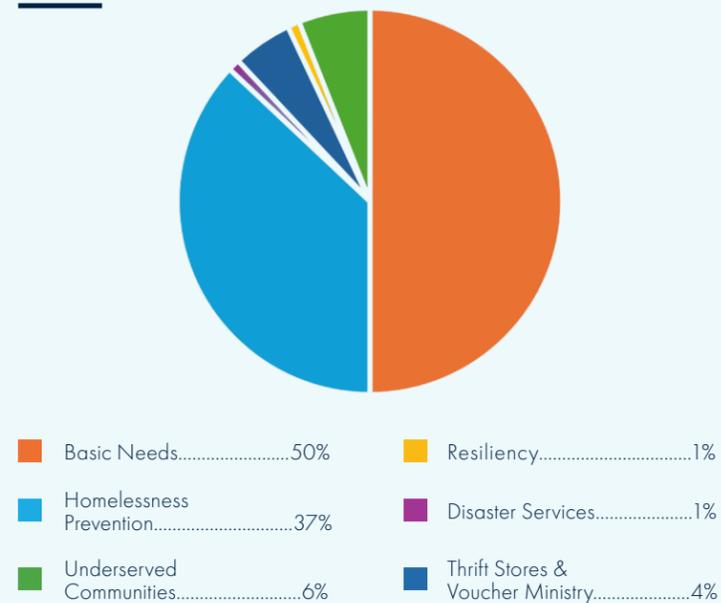
Contributions In-Kind	5,949,883
Individuals	6,489,956
Foundations	1,432,390
Store Revenue	405,401
Special Events, Net	243
Church/Corp./Govt.	366,985
Investment Returns	316,636
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,961,494

EXPENSES

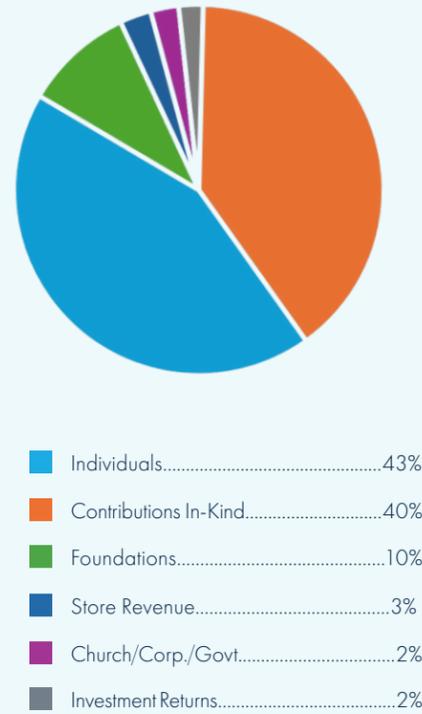
<i>Program Services</i>	
Basic Needs	7,016,723
Homelessness Prevention	5,257,234
Disaster Services	185,372
Thrift Stores & Voucher Ministry	619,853
Resiliency	158,979
Underserved Communities	<u>815,860</u>
Total Program Services	\$ 14,054,021
<i>Supporting Services</i>	
Management and General	504,716
Fundraising	<u>479,088</u>
Total Supporting Services	\$ 983,804
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,037,825

*Based on preliminary fiscal year 2024 financial data.
Fiscal year runs from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.*

ALLOCATION OF PROGRAM EXPENSES

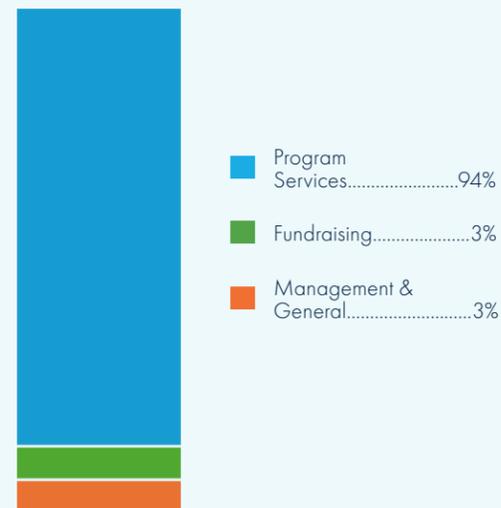


SOURCES OF FUNDS \$15 MILLION



With our volunteer-driven approach, we are able to allocate 94% of expenses directly to our organization's programs.

EXPENSES IN PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORIES



BY THE NUMBERS

Volunteer Services Provided

Number of volunteers*	1,700
Volunteer hours/FTE (full-time equivalent)**	132,000/63 FTE
Volunteer miles***	330,000
Paid staff	15

Location of Our Services Provided

Number of conferences (chapters)	55
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

Meals Provided

Number of food bank pantries in parishes	16
Pounds of food distributed	2.9 million
Dollar value of food****	\$6.3 million
Number of meals served	1.7 million
Number of households assisted	24,000

Utilities Support Provided

Value of utility support	\$1.4 million
Number of households assisted	4,600
Average payment to household	\$247

Housing

Dollar value of housing	\$3.5 million
Number of households assisted	6,300
Average rental payment	\$486

Totals

Direct Aid	\$12.2 million
In-kind	\$5.9 million
Financial Assistance	\$6.3 million
Unduplicated individuals	118,100
Unduplicated households	32,300
Duplicated individuals	347,100
Duplicated households	95,000

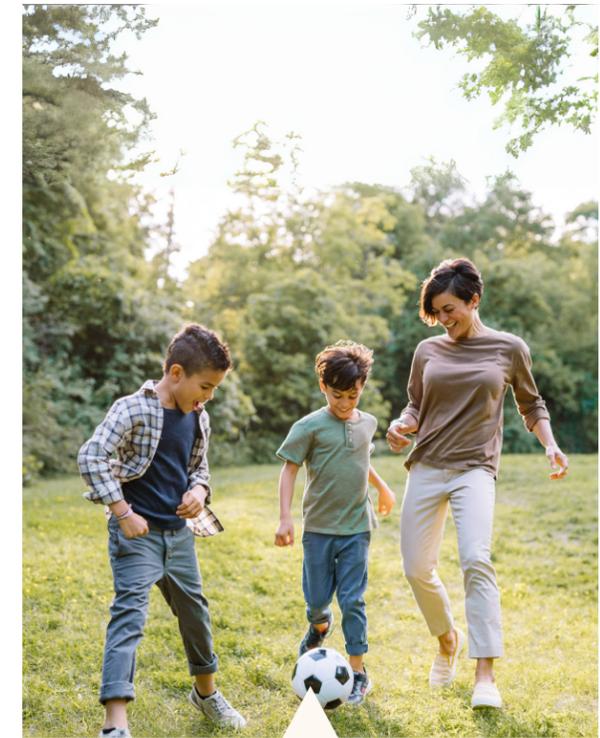
*Volunteers provide direct service through parishes, in the thrift stores and warehouses.

**In-kind volunteer worth is valued at the IRS amount at \$33.49 per hour.

***Volunteers pay their own gas – the IRS value is \$0.14 per mile.

****The majority of the food is in-kind or discounted for purchase at local food banks.

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Monya's Journey: Hope and Stability for a Determined Mother

Monya, a single mother of two, was working fewer hours to complete her medical assistant training, which strained her finances.

After landing a stable job, she faced a new challenge: her parents had to move in when her father lost his job. Though Monya could support her kids, her income wasn't enough for everyone.

Thanks to a grant from the Underserved Communities Initiative (UCI) and help from Vincentians at the St. Thomas Aquinas conference, her family received rent assistance. This support gave Monya's family a chance to rebuild.

She expressed deep gratitude for the hope this help brought, "Just knowing that people are out there who care—gives hope to all of us in need."



WITH GRATITUDE

We extend sincere appreciation to our donors for transforming lives in 2024. Service to others relies on these community leaders and the work of many. Thank you for your trust as every gift brings hope to our neighbors in need.

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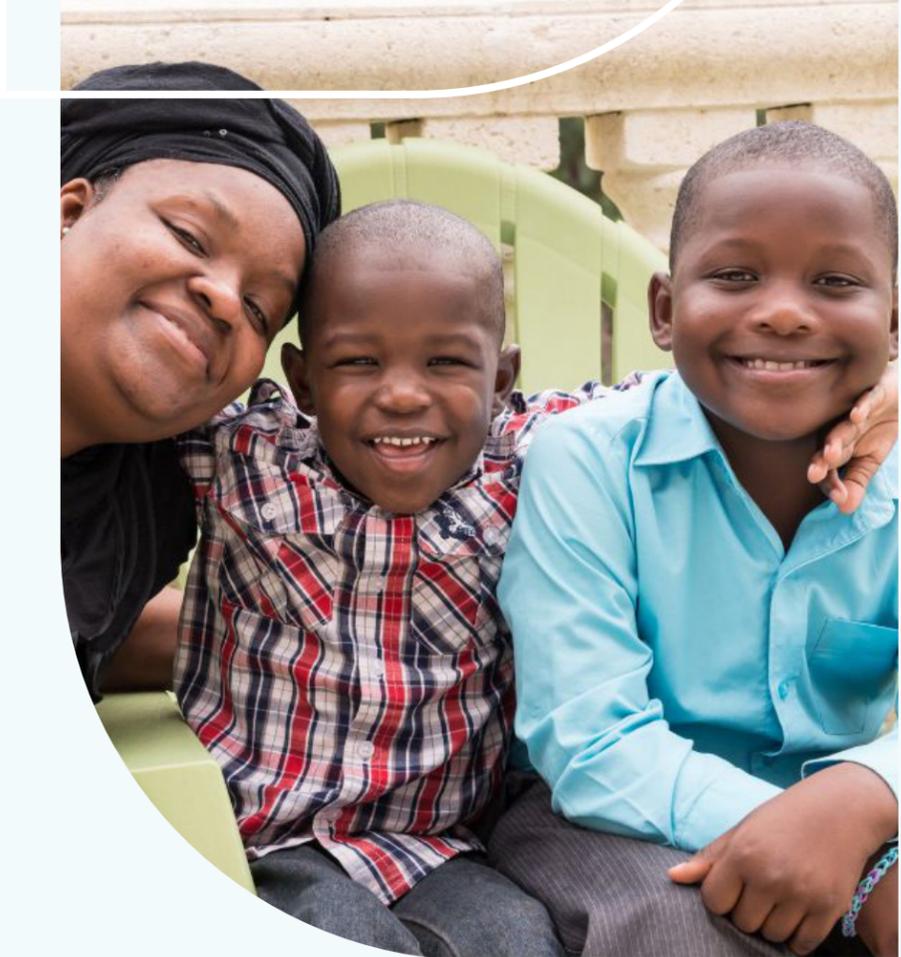
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YOUR 2024 IMPACT

Together, with the support of our donors, community partners and Vincentian members with boots on the ground, we faithfully served thousands of neighbors during their time of need.

Thank you for standing with us and being an essential part of the impact we're making across the Galveston-Houston area.

We cannot do this without you!



\$12.2 million

GIVEN IN DIRECT AID IN 2024

118,000

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

\$3.5 million

RENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

32,300

HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED

16

FOOD PANTRIES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

94%

OF EVERY DOLLAR RAISED WENT TO PROGRAMS AND DIRECT AID



HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

\$4.5 million
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
(e.g. rent, utilities, transportation, and medical)

10,900
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

\$486
AVERAGE RENTAL ASSISTANCE

BASIC NEEDS

\$6.8 million
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

24,000
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED



RESILIENCY PROGRAM

**SINCE FRUITION (2021)*

128
'GETTING AHEAD' PARTICIPANTS

84%
GRADUATION RATE

60%
GRADUATES INCREASED INCOME AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

72%
GRADUATES IMPROVED HOUSING SITUATIONS

UCI GRANT PROGRAM

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

\$695,000
IN DIRECT AID

5,027
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

48%
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED HAD CHILDREN

9
UCI-FUNDED CONFERENCES SERVING UNDERSERVED AREAS

DISASTER RELIEF

\$168,000
IN DIRECT AID

227
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

A Family's Resilience Through Life's Storms

When Lanette arrived at the All Saints Conference, it was the first time her family had sought assistance.

Accompanied by her daughter, she appeared hesitant, but relief washed over her when she learned they could receive \$300 for rent and food assistance. She shared their struggles: her husband had lost two weeks of income after the May Derecho storm, and again after Hurricane Beryl in July, leaving them behind on rent.

Recognizing their need, the Conference utilized special funds for Beryl survivors, covering Lanette's full September rent and half of October's. When Vincentians visited her home, they found a tidy, welcoming space—one filled with love and resilience.

Married for over 30 years, Lanette had raised five daughters, determined they would graduate high school. Life had not been easy—her youngest endured 37 surgeries, and Lanette herself faced a near-fatal medical crisis. Yet, through it all, her family stood by her.

Though asking for help was difficult, this support brought stability in their time of need.

Thanks to this aid, Lanette and her family could begin to rebuild with hope.



Transforming Life Through 'Getting Ahead'

For Cojuania Morris, a graduate of the Getting Ahead program, the experience was more than just a class—it was a turning point.

"The financial literacy course helped me break the cycle of living paycheck to paycheck," the graduate shared. "I've learned how to budget, prioritize expenses, and build a rainy-day fund." By reassessing spending habits and eliminating impulse purchases, she is now on the path to financial stability.

Beyond finances, the Getting Ahead program also provided valuable lessons in emotional wellness. "I never realized how much my tone and reactions impacted my relationships," Morris admits. "Now, I think before I speak, and I don't let frustration control my response. My overall well-being has drastically improved."

Nutrition was another area of growth. Understanding how diet affects health, she adopted healthier eating habits and became more mindful of food choices.

While Morris didn't initially seek an individual mentor, she now sees how valuable that guidance can be. "Mentorship is such an incredible asset, and I encourage future participants to take advantage of that opportunity."

Now, with a certificate from the University of Houston's Community Health Worker program, she is determined to give back. "I want to become a mentor and a Mental Health Peer Support Moderator. I believe that sharing my story can help others while continuing my own journey of growth."

While her journey isn't over, Morris is confident in the progress made. "I'm taking it one goal at a time, but Getting Ahead gave me the tools to keep moving forward."

Vincentians: Living the Mission

Within our organization, Vincentians are the dedicated individuals who embody the spirit of compassion and service. Guided by their faith and called by God, they serve as the hands, heart, and feet of our mission, reaching out to those in need regardless of background or circumstance.

Through personal visits, special works, and unwavering commitment, Vincentians bear witness to Christ's compassionate and liberating love, bringing hope and support to individuals facing crisis. Their unwavering dedication and selfless actions inspire us all to live with compassion and service at the forefront of our lives.

To learn more about the Vincentian charism or to become one, scan the code or visit: svdphouston.org/vincentians



Our Story

In 1833, Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old college student, and his friends began serving the poor in Paris, France. This was the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Today, there are more than 800,000 members serving in 155 countries around the globe.

The Society arrived in the United States in 1845, where the first conference was formed in St. Louis, Missouri. The first presence of the Society in the Galveston-Houston area was in 1871 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston.

Today, there are over 50 conferences in the Galveston-Houston Council with more than 1,700 members growing spiritually through friendship and service to those in need.



STRATEGIC GOALS TO ACHIEVE BY 2025

Increase membership among younger and more diverse members

40% of members will be age 60 and younger

Expand presence in underserved communities

Fund 12 conferences in distressed areas

Grow and support resiliency programs

178 individuals will graduate from the 'Getting Ahead' Program

Develop additional volunteer opportunities to attract and retain members

A Lifeline in Crisis

Lauren, a 28-year-old Houston resident, reached out to the Vincentians at the St. Monica conference for rent assistance after losing her job over the summer. Living in a high-need community with her partner and four children, she had been the family's primary provider. However, when Hurricane Beryl uprooted a tree onto her car, she lost reliable transportation, leading to job loss and financial hardship.

Unable to cover the month's full rent, Lauren managed to pay \$1,050 but needed help with the remaining \$500. Compounding her struggles, her son was recently hospitalized, adding to the family's financial strain.

With aid from an Underserved Communities Initiative (UCI) grant, Lauren's family avoided eviction and found stability in a challenging time. Her story highlights the vital role of community assistance in preventing homelessness and easing the burdens of unexpected crises.

Now, Lauren is awaiting background check clearance for a new job, and her son is home recovering. With a path forward, their family remains hopeful and grateful for the support that helped them bridge this difficult moment.



Dear Neighbors and Community Partners,

Honored and excited is how I feel to serve as SVdP Houston's new Executive Director. With great enthusiasm, I step into this role, eager to collaborate with you to make a lasting impact in our 10-county area. Your dedication to serving others fuels my commitment to providing excellent service to those in need. I need you on this journey to go farther than we have ever gone before.

Previously, I had the privilege of serving as our Chief Program Officer, working closely with our incredible team, volunteers, and partners to advance key initiatives like the Underserved Communities Initiative and Systemic Change Initiative: Getting Ahead Programs. These efforts have profoundly transformed the lives of many families and individuals, and we remain committed to their continued growth.

As we journey together, my focus remains on modernizing our responses to the evolving community needs and ensuring those who feel lost and forgotten receive the support they deserve. Our mission to serve the most vulnerable is at the heart of everything we do, and I am committed to leading SVdP Houston with compassion, integrity, and vision.

Your unwavering support and commitment to our mission have been the cornerstones of our successes. Your generosity enabled us to make a tangible difference in thousands of lives across the greater Houston area. I look forward to working with you as we create lasting changes that transform the lives of those in crisis and distress.

Thank you for your trust and support. Together, we will achieve even greater heights and make a meaningful impact in our communities. Exciting things are on the horizon!

In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,

Val Senegal
Executive Director-Elect



Our neighbors are our mission.

Our mission depends on the support of donors and community leaders like you.

Your contributions ensure direct aid for our neighbors in need throughout Greater Houston, alleviating suffering and distress, while addressing the underlying conditions through systemic change.

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