

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Belleville, Illinois Council



Dear Friends,

This has truly been a very productive year at St. Vincent de Paul Store, Kitchen and Office. Numerous programs and activities run by dedicated volunteers provide vital help to those in need throughout our communities. Everything we do addresses both systemic change and direct service.

Below is a summary of what's happening under the leadership of our SVDP Belleville Council office.

- Cosgrove's Kitchen serves thousands of hot meals to the chronically hungry and homeless.
- Mobile Bus Diners bring thousands of nutritious meals to the neighborhoods, as well as serving as emergency cooling and heating centers.
- Prescription Outreach Program helps individuals who fall through the cracks obtain life sustaining medications.
- Weekly budgeting classes help individuals learn how to manage their finances for self-sufficiency.
- Resume classes and JOBLINK help people find employment.
- Both "Career-Gear" for women and "Gear-Up" for men provide clothing for jobs and funerals.
- The "Help Center" at Cosgrove's Kitchen assists needy individuals and homeless obtain birth certificates, state ID's, and school transcripts, that are critical for establishing identity required to be eligible for services.
- "Shield of Hope" works with probation officers to help those who have been incarcerated find assistance through existing programs as they re-enter society.
- LILLI (Low Interest Loans for the Low Income) is a great program that helps people with minimum wage jobs take care of unexpected expenses and become fiscally responsible.
- Our thrift store serves thousands of people every year by providing low cost or no cost quality merchandise.

In addition, the SVDP Office assists and refers to SVDP Parish Conferences, countless individuals and families for various kinds of emergency assistance.

All these programs depend upon wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents.

But we also rely upon all those who contribute financially, large and small, to help us with our direct charity as well as all the costs associated with these many programs.

Please help us with your donation.

By mail: Enclosed is an envelope – we appreciate any help that you can give us!

Online donation: Make a secure online donation at: www.svdpsouthil.org

May God bless you and your family with a blessed Christmas Season. We will keep you in our prayers.

Gratefully,

Joseph Hubbard
President
Belleville Council
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The True Spirit of Christmas



*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing, some people have entertained **angels** without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2*

The True Spirit of Christmas is giving to others, especially those less fortunate.

“Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas.”

You Can Make a Difference!

Please consider a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Your Christmas donation will help to alleviate suffering this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Online donation:

Make a secure online donation at:

www.svdpsouthil.org

or

Mail Contributions to:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Belleville Diocesan Council
P.O. Box 3310
East St. Louis, IL 62203

618.394.3568



May the Joy of the Season

Be Yours!

Hunger Never Takes a Holiday



“Being poor means one meal a day, if that.”

**FEAR AND HUNGER WALK
HAND IN HAND**

Please help us reach out to those who are suffering and calling out in need...

**The Belleville Council
Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**



Poverty has many faces



It could actually be
your neighbor who
is in need.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit, Catholic volunteer lay organization that strives to help those in need and relieve human suffering. We are an organization with a long history of consistent and effective service.

The Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been serving the poor since 1917. The Council has 21 Conferences that reach out to help those in need throughout southern Illinois with rent, utilities, food, transportation, clothing, medications, and more.



The Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul also operates several Special Works to address the critical issues and needs that confront the impoverished in the East St. Louis community.

Special Works ministries include:

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

Serves a hot noon meal six days a week to men, women, and children. We serve the working poor, the disabled, the homeless, and the mentally ill.

Mobile Soup Kitchen

Travels to the neighborhoods to feed the poor where they live.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Offers very low cost (or free) essential merchandise for those in need.

***PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR
MINISTRIES TO FEED THE POOR!***