



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL OF BROWN COUNTY
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Highlights of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

St. Vincent de Paul & volunteers & community partners never stopped....

- The food pantry and distribution center was open to serve families **90 days**. **10,700 volunteer hours** were dedicated to procuring food, serving families, maintaining records and reports, fundraising, collecting and managing donated items such as clothing, furniture, household goods and personal care items and delivering pop-up food distributions. An additional **1697** hours contributed by community partners resulted in a total of **12,397** volunteer hours. Using the national standard for a volunteer hourly rate of \$28.54, this translates to **\$353,812.83** in dedicated time and talent to our County!
- At the pantry, we served **342** Brown County families during the course of the year, representing **1560** individuals of which **536** were under the age of 18. This represented **1058** food pantry visits with **82,400** pounds of food being distributed. SVDP in collaboration with community partners hosted **33** additional events throughout the County providing **3045** food distributions resulting in **162,058** pounds of food being distributed. Between the pantry and the other distribution events a grand total of **244,518** pounds of food was provided to needy families for the fiscal year.
- During the pandemic, generous arrangements with Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Midwest Foods and Kroger in Columbus significantly subsidized our food costs. In addition, St. Vincent de Paul in Indianapolis provided \$550 per month towards food. **Seven** churches contributed food at various times despite the fact that many were worshipping virtually. We want to thank the following for their donations: Beck's Grove Christian Church, Christiansburg United Methodist Church, Church of the Lakes, Nashville Christian Church, Nashville United Methodist Church, St. Agnes Catholic Church, and St. David's Episcopal Church. The Sweetwater-Cordry Lot Owner's Association also contributed.
- The Northern Brown County Food Alliance (convened by Donna Niednagel, St. David's Episcopal Church) and COAD (Community Organizations Active in a Disaster convened by Kim Robinson, CEO of the Brown County YMCA) provided leadership for weekly ZOOM meetings which facilitated the 33 pop-up distributions during this fiscal period. Kim maintained shared GOOGLE drives which compiled information about each pop-up.
- Target provided **8 pallets** of personal care items and household cleaning supplies.
- Two 26-foot freightliner trucks (powered by Cummins engines) logged **10,772 miles** picking up and distributing food, large donations, and donated pallets from Target. The trucks also served at each offsite food distribution locations. **13** men and women are authorized as drivers - representing TRIAD, St. Vincent de Paul, The Pentecostals, and Brown County YMCA. The refrigerated truck was funded through a grant from the Brown County Community Foundation and the second freightliner truck is a shared resource from St. Vincent de Paul/Indianapolis.
- Volunteers also logged **44,426 miles** using their personal vehicles picking up and delivering donations, food, and conducting essential business of the organization.
- **233** volunteers from **47** different organizations contributed to one or more food distribution: American Red Cross, American Legion, Bean Blossom Community Church, Becks Grove Christian Church, Brown County Community Foundation, Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, Brown County School Corporation, Brown County Sheriff's Auxiliary, Brown County Sheriff's Department, Brown County State Park, Brown County Veteran's Association, Brown County Volunteer Fire Department, Brown County Visitor's Bureau, Brown County YMCA, Brye Real Estate Company, Carpenter Realty, Centra Credit Union, Christiansburg United Methodist Church, Church of the Lakes, Brown County COAD, Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department, Cordry Sweetwater Lot Owners Association,

Emmanuel Church of Greenwood, Encounter Life Ministry, Fruitdale Fire Department, Girl Scouts, God's Grace, Hamblen Township Volunteer Fire Department, Harmony Baptist Church, Jackson Township Fire Department, Nashville Christian Church, Nashville United Methodist Church, Northern Brown County Food Alliance, Parkview Church of the Nazarene, Rotary Club of Brown County, Southern Brown County Fire Department, Sprunica Elementary School, St. David's Episcopal Church, St. Agnes Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul of Brown County, The Pentecostals, Town of Nashville, Unity Baptist Church, Van Buren Elementary School, Van Buren Township Trustee's Office.

- **\$1500** was expended for Helping Hands payments for emergency and utility assistance. Due to the national moratorium on disconnection of utilities, requests during the pandemic were minimal.
- The total value of all distributions (food, clothing, furniture, household goods, personal care items and special programs) was **\$446,288** which includes the in-kind value of donated items.
- The 2021 **Back to School Program** exceeded all previous years. **576** vouchers were redeemed by students at \$60 each at Walmart in Columbus for a total cost of **\$33,796**. Students selected shoes, socks, underwear, backpacks, calculators, lunch boxes and, of course, paper, pencils, notebooks, and art supplies. Ear buds and Speedway gas cards were also provided which increased the program's total impact on Brown County school-age children to **\$35,251**. (Detailed report is also on website).
- Sale of items from The (St. Vincent de Paul sponsored) Little Store which was open most Saturdays from April through October generated nearly **\$11,000**.
- **The Christmas Celebration** was hosted on December 5, 12 and 19, 2020. A total of **136 households** (some were multi-family households) participated and made selections of gifts, clothing, toys, books, and personal care items for **507 children and grandchildren**. More than 80 individuals or organizations contributed to the program. A detailed report is also on the website.)
- Here is a distribution of the boys and girls by age:

Ages	Boys	Girls	Ages	Boys	Girls	Ages	Boys	Girls
<1	7	14	7	12	10	14	12	11
1	15	18	8	9	16	15	8	11
2	14	17	9	13	20	16	10	8
3	16	19	10	18	17	17	11	15
4	13	16	11	10	9	18	3	3
5	19	14	12	12	20	Total	240	267
6	14	17	13	24	12	Grand Total 507		

- Donations, grants, and sale of items resulted in **\$150,699.34** in revenue. Expenses totaled **\$115,435.65**. (A final payment of \$24,000 for paving the parking lot was paid after the close of the fiscal year.) Extraordinary expenses were recovery from the flood damage including tree removal, the construction of a small porch to ease food distribution, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the trucks and paving of the parking lot.
- In 2021, SVDP Brown County celebrated **34 years** of continuous service to Brown County.
- Website: <https://stvincentdepaulbrowncounty.com/>
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