



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL OF BROWN COUNTY (SVDP)

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Some highlights --Collaboration in a community that cares (July, 2026)

Volunteers—we can't count them all	We are an all-volunteer organization and 12,570 hours were recorded by volunteers during our last fiscal year. This represents those working at the food pantry, distribution center and some of our special projects. But there are many whose good works are not recorded such as those hosting food drives, towel and bed linen campaigns, hosting car seat safety events, collecting baby diapers or contributing to their organizations fund raising resulting in a grant or donation.
Our drivers & trucks –on the move nearly every day	We operate two Freightliner trucks but also many individuals drive their own vehicles picking up and delivering donations, taking food to the shut-ins, and delivering food from donation sites. 184 trips picking up donations were recorded. Our refrigerated Freightliner logs about 1000 miles per month primarily bringing food from Midwest Food in Indianapolis for Mother's Cupboard, The Pentecostals/Loaves & Fishes, and St. Vincent de Paul. These are high-tech complex vehicles. Currently 18 drivers are approved to drive representing 5 different organizations with all expenses for operations covered by SVDP.
Food Pantries—offering client choice selections	We host two food pantries (2901 Long lake Road) and St. David's in Bean Blossom offering 7-8 hours of distribution each week. A total of 247, 820 pounds of food were distributed, serving 591 households, including 886 children. Families select from a menu food items their family will use.
Distribution Center--Major distribution center for the County	We offer clothing, household goods, furniture, appliances, hygiene and cleaning products and more. Our home goods building constructed in 2023 increased our capacity. In the past fiscal year, we distributed 108 appliances, 86 beds, more than 530 tables, chairs, couches, dressers and other furniture as well as 616 sheet sets, 487 towel sets and 252 blankets and thousands of houseware and clothing items.
Community Partners—Collaboration is Key	Our community partners are many providing us with donations, funds, and volunteers. The Brown County Community Foundation is always there to encourage us and support us. Others such as Church of the Lakes, Lion's Club, Rotary, Tri-Kappa, God's Grace, Nashville Christian Church, Salvation Army, The Pentecostals, Mother's Cupboard, Presbyterian Fellowship, St. Agnes Catholic Church & Guild, St. David's Episcopal Church, Nashville United Methodist Church, New Life Community Church, Brown County Backpack Program, Christiansburg Church, Shepherd of the Hills, South Central REMC, Walmart, Christ Church Cathedral, Jackson & Hamblen Township Trustees, Centerstone, St. Bartholomew School and the CYO Camp are ready to help.
Our major food sources	Major food partners are Hoosier Hills Food Bank in Bloomington and Midwest Food in Indianapolis. We purchase about \$5000 in food each month. Each week someone is designated to shop regional grocery stores to restock our menu items. SVDP Indianapolis also may sell us meat at cost or share a donation when possible

Toiletry & Soap	We allocate a portion of our funds for the purchase of toiletries and soap and spent \$7638 in last fiscal year.
Special projects— lift up our families & children	Our largest special projects are the Back to School Program where we provided \$60 vouchers redeemed at Walmart for 856 children in 2025. The Blessing Tree/ Christmas gift program (in collaboration with Salvation Army) served 508 children with 1338 volunteer hours recorded. Our Christmas program for grandparents brings joy. We have volunteers who continuously work on stocking our wood shed and others who work to support car seat safety. We purchase car seats as needed.
Helping Hands	We offer a utility assistance program called Helping Hands and one volunteer dedicates her time to working with those facing a utility crisis with \$4482 paid out last fiscal year.
Operations & Financial Resilience	Our operations demand countless hours each month of record keeping, report writing, grant writing, attention to compliance and donor relations as well as accountability. Typically, we must raise about \$150,000 each year and expenses run about \$140,000.
Creative contributions	One volunteer stands by to create posts on Facebook. Another monitors our phone messages and relays the calls. We have a volunteer who monitors thrift stores for economical fabrics and sews pot holders all year long. Another volunteer monitors thrift stores for towels and bed linens. One individual offers her time to shop for the children's Christmas gifts each year. A grower plants extra rows in his garden and brings fresh produce to the pantry for distribution. Another volunteer watches for antique items that might be offered for sale and contributes the proceeds. Another volunteer has continued Mary Perez's Firestarter ministry. Some volunteers dedicate time each week to sorting donations. There are many ways to support our neighbors in need.
Volunteering at the food pantry or making a donation.	One can readily access our Sign-Up Genius environment via our website: Go to https://stvincentdepaulbrowncounty.com/ The website is also rich with reports, photos, and information and has a link to make donations via PayPal. You can keep up with work in progress via our Facebook environment: https://www.facebook.com/SVdPBC/ You can also call our phone at 812-988-8821 and leave a message with a question. Donations may also be sent to POB 577, Nashville, IN 47448 Want to make a donation of appreciated stock? Let us know and we'll help you with the process.

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