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Dear Friends,

We are blessed to announce that for the first time in three years our St. Vincent de Paul **Friends of the Poor Walk** will be held “live and in-person” at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. The theme of our walk, “Praising God in His Goodness” is celebrating the re-opening of our overnight Drop-In Center on September 27<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. We temporarily closed the Drop-In June 1<sup>st</sup> for a “Summer Refresh” to convert the garage into a womens space, install a new bathroom and shower, refit HVAC, and do general repairs and deep cleaning. We also added a lobby to the main building to provide security space for better check-in procedures, built storage cubicles for every guest at the Drop-In and added a holding area for emergencies. Our main building and services remained open throughout the project and we continued to deliver the highest quality care to all those who came. This included finding placement and/or permanenet housing for more than 140 individuals who were staying at our overnight facility, fulfilling our ultimate goal, “from homeless to housing.”

Please join us Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for a celebratory walk anytime between 8am and noon. A brochure and forms are all included with this mailing and you can register the day of the walk, on-line or by phone or email.

A donation envelope is included and no amount is too small to support our efforts to bring the gospel as we strive to improve the lives of the hurting and suffering. Be a part of this miracle with your contribution!

The Society of **St. Vincent de Paul** appreciates everything you do.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, SVDP

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*"Come you whom my Father has blessed....For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me"*  
(Matthew 25: 34-36)