



# The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Belleville Council Annual Report 2018



### Totals for Council Office Ministries



*Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me... Matthew 25:40*

### Volunteers

Hours worked by members and volunteers for the Council

**35,600**

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Approximate value of Volunteer Hours

**\$540,000**

### Council Office Ministries Paid Staff:

1 full-time employee  
2 part-time employees

Total Number of Individual Services Provided by Council Ministries

**92,246**

**\$171,169**

Total Funds Distributed For Direct Assistance

Total Value of In-Kind Goods & Services Provided

**\$945,752**

### Outreach Help Center persons served **3,471**

Personal Identification Program (I.D.'s & birth certificates), transportation, homeless services, budgeting classes, resume writing, applications for housing & social security, computer center, jobskills classes & job search assistance, Gear Up/Career Gear clothing assistance, prison re-entry services, utility & rental assistance

Number of services provided by the Outreach Ministry

**6,942**

Showers, free clothing, laundry services, hygiene bags, Freebie Fridays, health screenings, educational programs

Number of Meals Served at Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen

**65,733**

Number of Meals Served from Mobile Soup Buses

**16,100**

### Totals for 20 Conferences

543 Full Members  
198 Associates  
Total Members: 741

Hours worked by members: **23,841**

Person-To-Person Visits: **23,388**

**\$469,734**

Total Funds Distributed For Direct Assistance

Total Value of In-Kind Goods & Services Provided

**\$156,604**

### Total Charity Provided by Council Office Ministries and 20 Conferences

Total number of individuals served during the year:

**115,634**

**\$640,903**

Total Funds Distributed For Direct Assistance

Total Value of In-Kind Goods & Services Provided

**\$1,102,356**

## **MISSION STATEMENT for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Members, known as Vincentians, are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutual support, and adherence to a basic Rule. Vincentians collaborate to relieve need and address its causes, making no distinction in those served.

**HISTORY:** The Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Belleville was established in 1917. We are an organization that provides consistent and effective service to address the needs of the poor. The Council Office is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Society: the **conferences, volunteers, our special works and all programs and services.** We are committed to treating every person and situation with compassion, respect and dignity. Vitally important, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is concerned with service to the poor as a matter of justice as well as a matter of charity (U.S. Manual of St. Vincent de Paul).

## **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

President of the Board: Charlie Cullen

Vice President of the Board: Joseph Hubbard

Executive Director: Patricia Hogrebe

Board of Directors: All Conference Presidents Comprise the remaining portion of the Board



**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT** during 2018: “Miracle on 37<sup>th</sup> Street.” **We renovated our facility** at 3718 State Street to improve our thrift store efficiency, enlarge our soup kitchen, update our kitchen and pantry, and create an Outreach Ministry Center. THIS JOURNEY WAS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF UNION CONTRIBUTORS AND ALL OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!

Total Cost of the Project was nearly one million dollars and Union Contributors donated labor/services of \$482,550.

**CURRENT INITIATIVE:** On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul held a Groundbreaking Ceremony at our location at 3718 State. In our efforts to keep individuals and families out of harm’s way, we are building a **Night Time Drop-In Center** at 3718 State Street in East St. Louis. It will be open from 7:30 pm – 7:30 am daily and will be equipped with lavatories, TV’s, a computer center, a coffee bar that will offer evening sack lunches, and comfortable 3-position chairs to allow for extra comfort during the night. It is NOT a shelter but WILL BE a “safe haven” for all who come. People who are deprived of a safe place to be during the night are unable to function well during the day and therefore unable to pursue long-term solutions to their homelessness. The Night Drop-In Center will be a Bridge to existing services already provided by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the Outreach Ministry next door where people work at moving out of **homeless to homebound**.



**WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS:** *Here at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we rely on the generosity of those who want to collaborate in our mission of charity. We receive no diocesan or government funds and operate solely on private donations and our own fundraising efforts.*