

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CONFERENCE

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The St. Teresa Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2019, that consists of about 30 active members from three diverse Catholic parishes in Richmond City and Henrico County. The churches:

- **St. Bridget**, a multi-generational parish consisting of about 2,000 families.
- **Holy Rosary**, Richmond's oldest existing African-American Catholic Church.
- **St. Elizabeth**, a linguistically diverse parish with a large African immigrant and refugee community.

SVdP ascribes fully to Roman Catholic values and beliefs, but is legally autonomous from the Catholic Church. In order to maintain family solidarity and prevent homelessness, Vincentians work to promote housing stability for low-income individuals who live within the three parish boundaries. The St. Teresa Conference provides payments to landlords for rent and security deposits and to power, water, and gas utilities to avert service disconnections. During the last year, the conference provided about \$69,000 in total direct aid.

Your financial support will enable assistance in some of the neediest areas of Richmond City and Henrico County.

Thank you!



Visits to Neighbors
in Need

134



Total People
Helped

306



Rent
Assistance

\$55,342



Utility Shutoff
Prevention

\$11,095

Data reflects 12-month
period ending July 31,
2025.



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Mission: Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), a Catholic lay organization, is a network of friends who grow in holiness while building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Process: After initial intake from calls to a help line (804-525-7897), two Vincentians conduct a home visit. They have compassionate conversations with those in need, who are called “Friends” or “Neighbors,” and listen to situations and requests. Relevant information is entered into an online, confidential application. From this, the caseworkers determine if the individual or family has a clear and immediate need for financial assistance. If so, SVdP pays property management companies and utilities on behalf of the Neighbor. The St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference has established norms for the amount and frequency of monetary assistance. Vincentians also offer referral information.

Training and Support: Members are trained in the assistance process and are continually mentored by experienced Vincentians. The SVdP Richmond diocesan organization, called a council, offers initial and ongoing training and spiritual formation.

Commitment: Vincentians share their time, talent, and treasure with those who need help and hope and understand that service to a neighbor in need is an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Volunteers work in various roles (intake, caseworker, communication, case administration) according to their availability, interest, and skills. The conference meets twice monthly; typically, one meeting is virtual.

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