

Testimonials



Community Impact

St. Vincent de Paul Society

"St. Vincent de Paul is a great place to go when you are in need. They have been helping me and my family since I was a little girl with food, clothing, and furniture. We are very grateful."

- Francis

"When I'm down and out, St. Vincent has it for me. They have always been a blessing."

- Ardedia

"I don't like to take more than I need. I know there are a lot more people with families that need stuff more than I do. But knowing that people cared about me, you saved my life, and I will be eternally grateful to you all."

- Wayne

"After one whole year of unemployment, I finally landed a job at a restaurant. I feel very fortunate for my job, but it is only part-time and doesn't pay much. With two kids at home during the summer, we need extra food in the house to feed them the breakfast and lunch that they usually get for free at school. Thankfully, St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry is there when we just can't make ends meet."

- Joseph

Contact Us

District Council Office

520 Crescent Avenue
South Bend, IN 46617
574-234-6000

Donation/Home Pickup - Press 2
Emergency Food Assistance - Press 3

St. Vincent de Paul Resale Stores

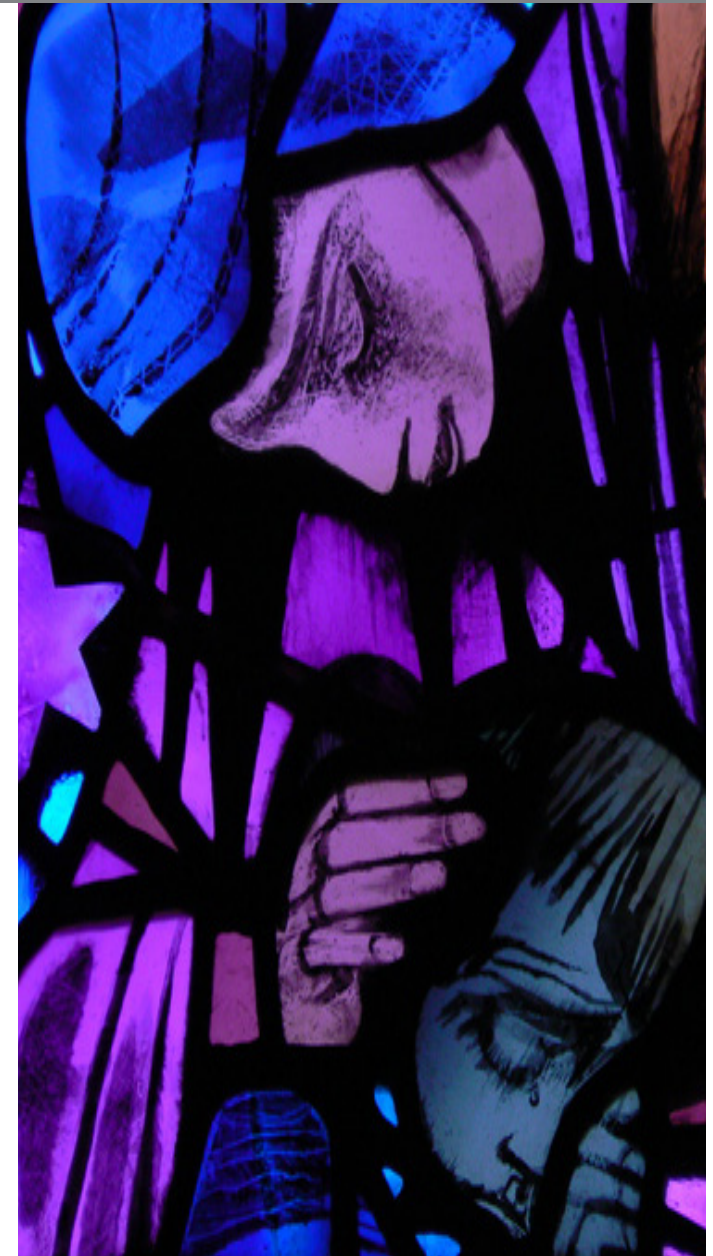
1827 N. Bendix Dr., South Bend
9:00am - 6:00pm

2302 South Bend Ave., South Bend
10:00am - 7:00pm

4644 W. Western Ave., South Bend
10:00am - 7:00pm

All locations closed on Sundays

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www.svdps.org





Survival

Survival is taking care of basic needs—food, clothing, shelter, furniture. For more than 111 years, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has helped neighbors in need keep food on the table, have clothes on their backs, and have a warm place to sleep.



Stability

Stability is helping to relieve fears about the unknown. We help individuals and families develop budgets, rebuild credit, provide one-on-one job counseling, and aim to rebuild confidence when a tragedy strikes.



Self-Sufficiency

Change is difficult. Breaking the cycle of poverty is daunting. SVDP enables individuals to attain self-sufficiency with dignity. Through education classes, we provide the tools and resources for people to become successful.

SURVIVAL

Emergency Food

SVDP's food program is our largest and oldest programmatic effort. Families may receive food once every 30 days through our Client Choice Food Pantry at the SVDP Center or through a home visit. A free community Bread Basket is also offered without restriction at the SVDP Center.

Emergency Household Assistance

Qualified persons can receive a clothing voucher every 6 months for use in our three resale stores. Once a year, families in need are eligible for a voucher for household goods. Furniture is distributed monthly, and families can qualify for furniture assistance once every 3 years.

Emergency Financial Assistance

SVDP provides rent and utility assistance to families in need. When applying for assistance, recipients also receive a needs assessment and budget review.

STABILITY

Resume Building and Job Search

Persons in need can meet one on one with a financial and career coach to write a resume and find employment.

Micro-Loan

In conjunction with Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, SVDP offers a micro-loan program to help with one time expenses that impede employment. One time expenses include an unexpected car repair, medical bill, etc. Loans are made on a case-by-case basis and are 12 month, interest free loans serviced by NDFCU. This can help clients build positive credit while remaining employed.

Financial Foundations

In partnership with Lake City Bank, this class covers all the essential skills needed to help manage income and expenses. Incentives are provided to participants to help establish and rebuild credit ratings.

SUFFICIENCY

Food for Thought

Food for thought is an 8 week after school program offered to students in 2nd-4th grade. Educational support is provided in math and reading. Twice during each 8 week session, Purdue Extension Services provides a family class aimed at helping families design meals that are easy, healthy, and inexpensive. These meals are shared family style and promote family communication to strengthen bonds and improve educational results.

Bridges out of Poverty

"Getting Ahead"

Getting Ahead is a 16 session class that aims to help persons living in institutional poverty develop the mental models, the skills to challenge the norms of their lives, and help them make choices to improve their future living conditions.

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