

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT & NEWSLETTER

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## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PORTLAND COUNCIL

### A Message From The Director,

In October of 2016 Archbishop Ken Steiner officially christened our new facility at 8101 SE Cornwell St. by offering up prayers for not only the outside and inside of the building, but also for the programs we offer to help those in need. As a gauge to measure the effectiveness of such programs, the organization's Annual Report is the easiest way for donors to ascertain the social impact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is having on the communities they serve. Data collected for fiscal year 2016/17 is as follows:

- Almost 307,000 people received services in the five-county area (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Clatsop, and Columbia)
- Over 4,100,000 pounds of food was distributed through the Portland Council and the 48 Conferences
- 4,762 families received a food box containing a five-day supply of produce, meats, and basic food staples
- More than \$1.6 million was paid out to cover rent, utilities, medical, and transportation assistance
- As many as 20,000 meals were prepared and served by staff and volunteers in our Mobile Kitchen
- 2,100 volunteers gave of their time and talent in order to help strangers who were in need

On a daily basis, our staff and volunteers are continually called upon to assist individuals/families who come to us in crisis. Likewise, we continue to ask you, our treasured donors, to willingly share whatever you're able to contribute so that we may provide respite to those who find themselves struggling. It's easy to help family, friends, or even neighbors. But why help someone we don't know? Hebrews 13:2 says it best- **"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it"**. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our mission.

Brian Ferschweiler  
Executive Director

### *Are you a Volunteer?*

According to Merriam Webster, being a volunteer is to offer something freely and without obligation. But as Christians, we are obligated to give of our time, talents, and treasures so that those in need may benefit. As is written in Peter 4:10, **"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"**. St Vincent de Paul took these words to heart, along with the often-quoted Matthew 25:35-45 verses telling us to meet the needs of the poor, because as we help the least among us we are ministering to Christ Himself.

St. Vincent de Paul didn't expect the government to help the poor. He gathered around himself like-minded men and women who 'volunteered' themselves in their quest to be servants of Christ and administer to the poor as Jesus did. These 'volunteers' would later become the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a worldwide organization of laypersons dedicated to serving the less fortunate.

As more people find themselves in need in our communities, the number of volunteers needed increases as well. Throughout the parish Conferences and here at the Portland Council, we see first-hand those who freely give of their time, talent, energy, and compassion when helping those experiencing crisis in their lives. For those many Vincentians honoring God's Word, we thank you and know you will be blessed. Are you a volunteer? If not, the poor among us need your help now more than ever before. Contact Stephanie Decker at 503-595-2286 if you can help. Thank you.



**2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR**

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| <b>Total Revenues</b>    | <b>\$7,763,184</b> |
| Contributions & Bequests | \$2,939,542        |
| In-Kind Contributions    | \$4,546,160        |
| Sale of Donated Goods    | \$5,775            |
| Rental Income            | \$191,831          |
| Special Events           | \$18,669           |
| Others                   | \$61,377           |

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| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$7,229,774</b> |
| Emergency Services    | \$2,110,747        |
| Food Services         | \$4,538,368        |
| Affordable Housing    | \$113,334          |
| Management & General  | \$368,125          |
| Fundraising           | \$99,200           |

**DONATE YOUR VEHICLE**



If you would like to donate your car, truck, or motor home, please contact Veronica Kennedy at **503-595-2280**.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Jim Altenhofen  
Golf Tournament**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at  
Glendoveer Golf Course  
Shotgun Start at 12:30 pm**

**Box lunch included.  
Dinner and awards following the tournament.**

*Registration and more details at [www.svdppdx.org](http://www.svdppdx.org)  
For more information contact Brian Ferschweiler at 503-234-5287*



The first conference in the Portland area was established in 1869, so we will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary soon. This is an important milestone we're excited about promoting starting in January 2019. If any of you have any photos or memorabilia you'd like us to include in our promotions and events, please contact Stephanie at 503-595-2286. Thank you.



Need information with regard to volunteering your time and talent? Please call Stephanie Decker at **503-595-2286** and she will be more than happy to assist you in any way she can.

Need information on making a financial donation? Please call Brian Ferschweiler at **503-234-5287**



Please consider making St. Vincent de Paul a part of your family's legacy by including us in your estate planning. For more information contact Brian Ferschweiler at **503-234-5287** or visit our website at [www.svdppdx.org](http://www.svdppdx.org)