# inspirations winter 2020



# St. Vincent de Paul Awarded \$5 Million to Support its Efforts to End Family Homelessness

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is the proud recipient of a \$5 million grant awarded by the Day 1 Families Fund. We will use this grant over four years to create new services, increase capacity, and seed new capital investments for supportive and affordable housing for families.

"This award will be transformative for our organization and allow us to create new projects that are critically needed to end family homelessness in the Baltimore region"



— John Schiavone, President & CEO of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore.

We will effectively use this funding to make a lasting, long-term impact to end family homelessness in Baltimore. A significant portion of the funding will be used to create and support two new family service hubs that will serve 4,000 families, as well as new Shelter Diversion services for families in Baltimore City. The award will also be used to seed the development of new supportive and affordable permanent housing units.



#### VOLUNTEERING

## **Hogans Lovells at Beans & Bread**



Hogan Lovells supports SVDP in several ways throughout the year, pictured here are members from their Baltimore office serving lunch at Beans & Bread.

The day before Thanksgiving is usually pretty quiet in the office for Jesse Mowen's team at Hogans Lovells, so they decided to gather some Baltimore team members to serve lunch at SVDP's Beans & Bread facility in Fells Point.

"We love to get involved, when we volunteer at Beans & Bread, the impact of our time is felt immediately. The gratitude and appreciation we receive from the clients on each visit leaves us eager for the next."

- Jesse Mowen

### SVDP Conference Receives Urban Farming Grant



St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's St. Francis Xavier Conference received a \$5,000 Urban Farming, Food Pantry and Nutrition Program Grant through SVDP USA to provide fresh produce for families and individuals living in "food deserts". They have since donated over 12,000 pounds of fresh produce to people in need and will continue to provide access to healthy food.



Baltimore Raven Chris Moore, his wife Tori Moore, and the Huddle for 100 Caw to Action team at Sarah's Hope Family Shelter

### Baltimore Ravens Huddle at Sarah's Hope

The Ravens joined NFL teams across the league to reach the NFL's goal of accumulating 100 million minutes of community service in honor of its 100th season.

The Baltimore Ravens teamed up with the United Way of Central Maryland and St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore for a communitywide day of service. Thank you to all, especially Chris Moore (Baltimore Raven's wide receiver) and friends for visiting Sarah's Hope and helping out for the day!



### SPOTLIGHT

# **Monument Street Shelter**

Effective July 1, 2019, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore began operating the Monument Street Shelter, a 124 bed shelter for men experiencing homelessness with funding and support from the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Homeless Services. SVDP has expanded case management services at the shelter and looks forward to bringing more resources to stabilize the living conditions for the men in our care.

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"Previously, most of the beds were up for grabs every day, meaning men had to line up early each afternoon and consume time and energy each day just to make sure they had a bed for the night," said Toni Boulware, Senior Director of Homeless Services for SVDP. "Under St. Vincent de Paul, almost all the beds are reserved each night so the men will be able to focus more of their time on gaining the resources they need to overcome their barriers and become stably housed."

Over time, SVDP plans to steadily improve the quality of care and the amount of services offered at the Monument Street Shelter. "Our client-focused approach includes best practice strategies of Housing First, Trauma Informed Care, and Client-Provider Partnership. The primary focus of all of St. Vincent de Paul's homeless services is housing stability, while supporting our clients to improve their health, economic self-sufficiency, and overall wellbeing", stated Mary Rode, Chief Operating Officer of SVDP.

"As the largest provider of homeless services in the Baltimore area, SVDP is uniquely positioned to bring our expertise and resources to bear on this shelter program. Our aim is to have both an immediate and long-term impact on both the quality and depth of services provided, refocusing the program on ending homelessness for every man served" said John Schiavone, President and CEO of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore.





Join us for this one-night celebration aiming to help people move beyond homelessness. Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Visit **www.equinoxbaltimore.com** for more information. **#BETHELIGHT** 



# Welcome to the Board!



We warmly welcome Jen Squillario, Of Counsel at DLA Piper to the SVDP Community Services Board. She litigates nationally on complex commercial

disputes and business litigation in a wide range of industries. Jen has served in a volunteer capacity with Up Zambia, a nonprofit in Zambia working with children in prison and locally with the Women's Law Center, and Maryland Food Bank.

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**



# **Stable Families Program**

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is proud to add a new program called Stable Families to our array of comprehensive services. Stable Families, funded by United Way of Central Maryland, places case managers in Baltimore City and Harford County schools to provide direct support to families at risk of becoming homeless. Using intensive case management services and client financial assistance, we prevent family homelessness, and keep children in their home schools. By working closely with schools, we are better positioned to provide necessary stability at a crucial time to vulnerable families and children experiencing housing instability.



### Maryland School for the Blind Breakfast Bags

MSB students, led by their social work and speech departments, worked together on a new monthly community service project. For their fall project, students in grades 1-12 created breakfast bags for people experiencing homelessness at the Beans & Bread Center. High School students served as leaders and role models for the younger students. This collaborative project allowed the students to not only give back to the community, but to increase social skills, leadership, and foster teamwork!



Students from the Maryland School for the Blind assembling breakfast bags.



### GIVING



# **Turkeys Trot into Beans & Bread**

Thanksgiving is a busy and very special time at SVDP. This year, we received over 120 turkeys from generous supporters including WPM Management,

Loyola Blakefield, Bayview Enterprises, BSSC, Mid Atlantic Baking, and the Baltimore Catholic Society. Families and individuals at our shelters, and at Beans & Bread gathered to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.



Sierra Jackson, SVDP Volunteer Coordinator accepting turkey donations



Beans & Bread staff taking good care of the turkeys



The Frerichs family, Stretch, and Mike sprinkle some holiday cheer at Beans & Bread

# Beans, Bread & Bingo

Christmas Bingo was a big hit this year and is a popular holiday tradition at the Beans & Bread Center thanks to Mary Frerichs and her entire family. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to win items, such as shirts, pants, hats, pajamas and blankets, and enjoy an afternoon of music, food, and bingo too!

### GIVING

# **Adopt A Family Holiday Highlights**

The holidays can be a difficult and stressful time for families experiencing homelessness, but thanks to the generosity of the community we were able to help and spread some holiday cheer. 142 families at Sarah's Hope, Hannah More, and Innterim Family Shelters were adopted this year — your kindness represents the truest spirit of Christmas and helps us to provide essential services throughout the year.



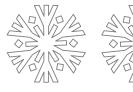
Kedrick Keys and Daniella Drummond helping out at the Cookie Decorating Party at Hannah More.



Serigne Fall and Kedrick Keys were some of Santa's Elves at Hannah More's Annual Gift Wrapping Party hosted by Sheppard Pratt's Hannah More School.



Thanks to the loyal support of Knights of Columbus at St. Gabriel's Church, 16 families were adopted.







# Adopt a Classroom & Holiday Cheer

Children attending Head Start received gifts of cheer this holiday season. We are grateful for all of the wonderful gifts and classroom supplies we received!

Serigne Fall picking up donations from the Knights of Columbus at St. Gabriel's Church



#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

# Shamrock 5K

We are proud to announce that Charm City Run has designated St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore the Official Charity Partner for the 2020 Under Armour KELLY St. Patrick's Day Shamrock 5K.

Race day is Sunday March 15, 2020. Bring your friends and family out for a fun afternoon!

As the beneficiary of the race, we need volunteers to staff the starting line, water stops, and the post-race tent. The more volunteers we turn out, the more money the race donates to our work.

All volunteers will get an awesome Shamrock 5K volunteer shirt. Students can earn service hours, too. (Anyone 12 years and older is eligible to volunteer - but under 18 years old requires parent or guardian participation.)

To sign up, email volunteer@vincentbaltimore.org

Stay after the race for prime viewing to watch the St. Patrick parade kick off directly after the race!



Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled afternoon!



Penny Gibson, Director of Sarah's Hope Family Shelter and Lauren Myatt, AIA of Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects. Photo courtesy of Side A Photography.

### Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects Honored for Design of Sarah's Hope Shelter

AIA Baltimore and the Baltimore Architecture Foundation (BAF) recognized Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects at the 2019 AIA Baltimore Excellence in Design Awards Celebration. Murphy & Dittenhafer received the Good Design = Good Business Award for their successful and powerful design of St. Vincent de Paul



of Baltimore's Sarah's Hope Family Shelter. The Good Design = Good Business Award is given to architects and clients who best utilize good design to help companies and organizations achieve their goals.

#### **14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS**

#### > Saturday, March 21, 2020

>1:00pm - 4:00pm

> Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium - Exhibition Hall

Empty Bowls is St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's annual event that raises critical funds to help us build better futures for those struggling with poverty and homelessness in Baltimore City and County.

> \$35/per person | \$300/pack of 10 (open seating) > Reserved Tables with seating for 10 are \$400 Purchase tickets online, visit www.emptybowlsbaltimore.org

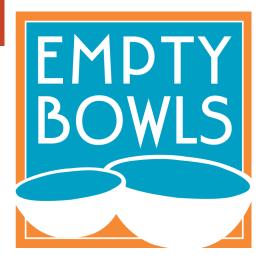
#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Donate to our silent auction! A restaurant gift card or a unique item will help raise the critical funds needed to support our programs and clients.

#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

To volunteer at the event: Complete the online application at www.emptybowlsbaltimore.org

For more information about Empty Bowls, contact Maggie Eckhold, maggie.eckhold@vincentbaltimore.org or call (410) 662-0500



#### JOIN US FOR ....

- > ALL-YOU-CAN- EAT SOUP FROM TOP RESTAURANTS
- FREE HANDCRAFTED **BOWLS - YOU CHOOSE** ONE TO TAKE HOME
- > FUN ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

#### **OUR MISSION**

To ensure those impacted by poverty have the skills, resources, and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

#### **OUR VALUES**

**DIGNITY:** We see God's image in every person, recognizing their inherent value by offering respect and compassion, and giving special care to those who are materially poor, marginalized, and vulnerable.

**INCLUSION:** We promote diversity and embrace the unique attributes, characteristics, abilities, cultures, classes, faiths, orientations, and races that make people who they are, recognizing that we are one human family.

**EQUITY:** We believe in eliminating systemic disadvantages so that all people are guaranteed fair treatment and have the opportunity to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing, receive quality education, be employed at a fair wage, have access to health care and healthy food, share in prosperity, and reach their full potential. **EQUALITY:** We see those we serve as our equals in every way, seeking to understand the road they have traveled to reach our door, recognizing they know what is best for themselves and their families, and encouraging them to make their own choices.

**COLLABORATION:** We believe in the transformative power of building relationships and community, and in actively engaging partners in our work toward the well-being of all.

**SERVICE:** We humbly recognize service as an opportunity to receive, as much as give.

**EXCELLENCE:** We relentlessly pursue the highest standards in all that we do, embracing innovation and best practices.

**STEWARDSHIP:** We use our resources responsibly and efficiently, and we hold ourselves accountable for the highest levels of integrity, transparency, and measurable results.

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