

Innovation Fund Grant Supports Job Training for Young Adults

Three-year grant will give young adults a path to employment

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore received a \$600,000 grant from the Johns Hopkins Innovation Fund for Community Safety to support occupational skills training in foodservice for Opportunity Youth in Baltimore City. SVDP's project was one of just nine out of 75 project applications selected.

The three-year grant is funding employment services at our Good Harvest Community Kitchen. The Good Harvest training program is an intensive, 12-week program that provides classroom instruction, hands-on kitchen experience, case management, job placement, and post-employment support. The training program focuses on Opportunity Youth, who are young adults disconnected from school and work.

With ten years of foodservice experience, the Good Harvest training program opens pathways toward living wage employment.

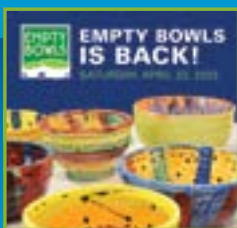
"Good Harvest has been a leader over the past decade in offering food service training to individuals with barriers to employment, and we are excited to shift the program to focus on serving this high-need population. These services will not only provide a career path for the young adults served but also contribute to greater community safety for everyone," said John Schiavone, President & CEO of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore.



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Students selected for the program will pay no tuition or fees, and receive a weekly stipend while in the program. Over the three-year grant period, the Good Harvest Food Service Training Program is projected to serve 225 young adults.

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Empty Bowls Returns

April 23rd from 12:00pm-3:00pm
at the Timonium Fairgrounds

Back in person for the first time since 2019, the 16th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser has something for every member of the family. Choose your own beautifully handcrafted ceramic bowl as a keepsake of the event and a symbolic reminder of the hunger that exists in our community. Enjoy delicious soup from over 12 area restaurants and other food, beer, wine, and desserts. There will be lots of entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy, including a silent auction, bounce houses, magic performances, and a marketplace with ceramic arts and soup-related merchandise for sale. Activities will be spread both indoors and out, with outside tented seating available to enhance safety.



Empty Bowls is Saturday, April 23rd from 12:00pm - 3:00pm at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Individual tickets are \$35, and children 5 and under are free. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit emptybowlsbaltimore.org.

Save the Date for Equinox

September 24, 2022 from 6-10 pm
at the Baltimore Museum of Industry

A memorable evening is in store at the Baltimore Museum of Industry with its gorgeous waterfront views and an eclectic collection of exhibits. Guests will enjoy an open bar and live music as they explore treasures in a silent auction. A taste of Maryland is on the menu with Chesapeake-inspired cuisine and signature hand-crafted cocktails. Funds raised support ending homelessness by benefitting St. Vincent de Paul shelters and housing programs.

To learn more, visit vincentbaltimore.org/equinox.

Early Bird Ticket - \$130
(through August 31)
Regular Price - \$150

Ambassador Bundle -
Eight Tickets for \$910
(through August 31)



Shamrock Run Recap

Runners help raise funds for SVDP

Thanks to Charm City Run for choosing SVDP as the beneficiary for this year's St. Patrick's Day Shamrock 5K. Thousands of runners participated on March 13th in Downtown Baltimore, and had a great time while helping to raise funds to support SVDP programs.

SVDP's Sr. Accountant Joseph Sustento is an avid runner who participated in the event. "After all those races I've done, I realized it's inspiring to run for a cause," he said. "I used to run big races for the sake of running. It feels good to join races like Shamrock Run that bring awareness to poverty and homelessness in the community."

Many thanks to Joseph, SVDP volunteers, and everyone else who participated!



Camp St. Vincent Seeking Volunteers and Sponsors

Planning for the 116th annual Camp St. Vincent is underway. This year, the eight-week camp runs from June 20 to August 12 in Patterson Park and is free for children ages 5-14 experiencing homelessness.

Camp is searching for Volunteer Counselors to support group activities. Hours are weekdays from 8:30am-4pm with a two-week minimum commitment. Anyone interested in a rewarding volunteer experience is encouraged to apply. High school students between the ages of 15 and 19 are eligible to volunteer and earn valuable service learning hours. Visit vincentbaltimore.org/campstvincent or email Katrina Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator, at katrina.robinson@vincentbaltimore.org for more information.



Sponsor a Child!

If you'd like to gift a homeless child with an enriching summer experience, please consider being a sponsor. \$55 sponsors one child for one day of camp; \$275 covers a child's expenses for a whole week. To sponsor a child for a day, a week, or the entire eight-week session, please visit vincentbaltimore.org/camp.

Meet the New Director!

Please welcome Renata White, new Director of Camp St. Vincent. Renata is currently a Curriculum Specialist in our Head Start program, where she will continue to work during the school year. She has an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education from Hagerstown Community College, a BS Degree in Psychology from Norfolk State University, and an MS Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from North Central University. A teacher since 2003, Renata started working at St. Vincent de Paul Head Start in 2007. We look forward to an exciting summer with Renata on the team!

St. Vincent de Paul Head Start was honored to have been named one of

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in Baltimore**

by kevsbest.com

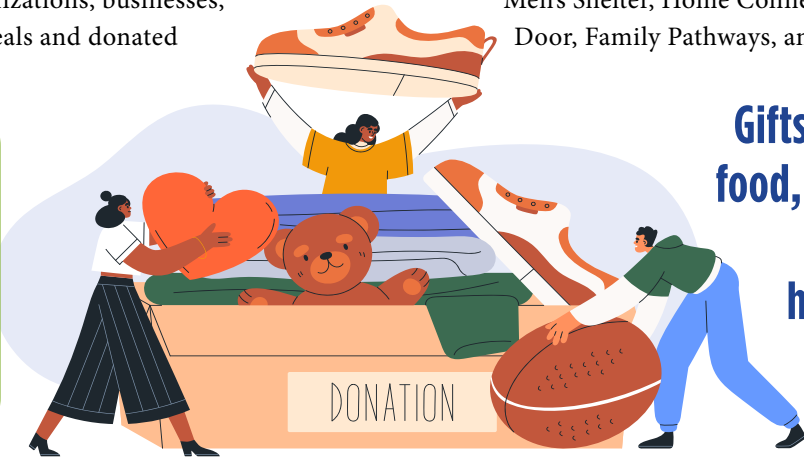
2021 Holiday Highlights

Your generosity helped hundreds of families with essential needs

Many thanks to all who participated in helping spread cheer this past holiday season to the men, women, and children served by St. Vincent de Paul programs. We are truly grateful to the many organizations, businesses, churches, and schools that provided meals and donated

food, gifts, and cash. The various in-kind donation drives benefitted the adults and children we serve at programs like Beans & Bread, Sarah's Hope, Hannah More, Greenspring Men's Shelter, Home Connections, Front Door, Family Pathways, and Head Start.

321 families helped



Gifts included food, clothing, toys, and household items.



197 Donors



Mercy Hospital "adopted" 44 families
(totaling 216 people)

AAF gift wrap party at Sarah's Hope



\$116,300 estimated in-kind value



Morgan State students prepared 150 Thanksgiving kits



1,163 Individuals Served



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church provided gifts for incoming Sarah's Hope residents

Thank You

A special thanks to the following businesses and organizations for your dedication to families in need during the 2021 holidays. Your generosity continues to touch so many lives!

- * Bayview Enterprises
- * Calvert Hall College High School
- * Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier
- * Covenant Apostolic Church
- * Empower4Life
- * Fallston UMC
- * Healthcare for the Homeless
- * Jewish Volunteer Connection
- * Mercy Hospital
- * Pikesville Rotary
- * Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- * Roland Park Country School
- * St. Ambrose Catholic Church
- * St. Casimir Catholic Church
- * St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Hydes, MD)
- * St. Stephen Catholic Church
- * TAI Engineering
- * Wegmans
- * Woodlea Bakery

The 1865 Legacy Society

Please consider a legacy gift to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

Help St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore continue our mission of providing services to those suffering from hunger, homelessness, and poverty for future generations. A gift to the 1865 Legacy Society will make a significant impact in the future without affecting your current income or investments. Options include:

- Making a bequest through your will.
- Establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust.
- Naming SVDP as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy, retirement funds, or investment account.

An attorney or financial advisor can work with you to identify other ways to support SVDP and provide tax savings while leaving more assets to your loved ones. To learn more, contact Mary Helfrich, Chief Advancement Officer, at Mary.Helfrich@vincentbaltimore.org or 443-681-1977.

Have You Already Designated SVDP in Your Estate Plans?

It's important to let us know of your intended gift as many retirement plan administrators or banks assume no obligation to notify SVDP of designated funds. We would love to know of your intentions to ensure that they are followed and that you are recognized properly.

SVDP's Impact on Homelessness in Baltimore: FY 2021



57,833
Shelter Nights
Provided



22
Individuals Provided
Permanent Housing



18
Diverted from
Homelessness



281
Individuals
Provided with
Rapid Rehousing

St. Vincent de Paul Men's Shelter Moves to a New Location

On March 15, 2022, the SVDP Men's Shelter moved to a new location in the former Holiday Inn Express at 1701 Russell Street. Staff worked hard to provide a smooth transition for the 120 residents, who are safely settled in the new location.

If you're interested in supporting our shelter residents, volunteers are always needed. Personal enrichment programs such as resume writing, money management, yoga, and preparing for the GED can help shelter residents reach their goals of personal well-being and greater independence. If you or your organization is interested in helping, please email Michele Louderback at michele.louderback@vincentbaltimore.org.



Meet Leroy Fowlkes, Director of St. Vincent de Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter

Starting on the front line turned his job into his passion

Leroy Fowlkes is the Director of St. Vincent de Paul Men's Shelter, a 120-bed program providing a safe haven for men experiencing homelessness. Leroy's humble beginnings in human and homeless services started on the front line as a Housing Counselor in the Mercy Supportive Housing Program at Mercy Medical Center. His job became a passion after meeting his first client, Tiffany Fowlkes, who coincidentally had the same name as his daughter.

"After helping her, it made me realize it actually could've been my daughter. I saw myself and my family in the people that I was serving," Leroy said.

Leroy continued working with Mercy for 25 years, helping connect individuals to social services and housing.

In 2016, Leroy joined the SVDP family at Sarah's Hope. He started as the Assistant Program Director before stepping in as Director. Last fall, Leroy took over as Director of the SVDP Men's Shelter, focusing on comprehensive care management services, enrichment activities, and housing placements.



"The men and the women, children, and families at our shelters are a testament to the human spirit," he said. "We do not see many people feeling sorry for themselves or blaming others. We see uncertainty, we see fear, but we also see hope."

Early Head Start Program Expands to a New Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul has expanded its Early Head Start (EHS) program into the Cherry Hill area. The program operates in the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Early Childhood Development Center wing of Arundel Elementary School at 2400 Round Road in Baltimore. The new program serves children aged 6 weeks to 2 years old.

The SVDP EHS program provides an evidence-based curriculum and daily meals for the children served. It also offers a range of benefits for parents

and caregivers by supporting their educational, financial, housing, and health stability goals. Children who attend Head Start programs have higher cognitive test scores, higher rates of high school and college graduation, and better employment and health outcomes. The expansion to the Arundel location is not only beneficial for families but also for the entire Cherry Hill community.

To learn more about SVDP Head Start programs, visit headstartbaltimore.org.





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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 healthy food and health care, 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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