



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS

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### Bed Voucher Program

The Bed Program provides a basic good that is often taken for granted but is frequently unattainable for people living in poverty. When we provide our Neighbors an opportunity for decent rest, we positively impact their health, mood, and life.

Bed vouchers have been allocated to District Presidents to distribute to Conferences. There are a finite number of bed vouchers given to Districts each fiscal year.

**Each voucher is good for the purchase of one twin- or full-size promo bed set (mattress, box spring, frame, sheets, and pillows.)** You must complete one voucher for every bed you request. If a family needs two beds, you will have to provide two vouchers.

- Complete a Bed Program Voucher in full. (Note: This voucher is different from the regular thrift voucher.)
- Make sure that the information on the voucher matches the information on the Neighbor's ID.
- The Bed Program does not include delivery costs.
- Keep the back copy for your Conference records and give the voucher to the Neighbor.
- Vouchers must be used within 30 days!
- Upgrades are not allowed. If your Conference wants a different bed for your Neighbor, please purchase that with a regular thrift store voucher and pay for it with cash or credits.
- If your Neighbor **ONLY** needs a mattress (and not a complete set), please purchase that with a regular thrift store voucher and pay for it with cash or Conference credits.

Here are some questions to consider when providing beds for Neighbors:

- How many bedrooms does your Neighbor have, and will the beds they request fit in the space they have?
- Does the Neighbor have an issue with bed bugs? If so, please ask for proof that the problem has been corrected before providing bed vouchers.
- How will the Neighbor get the beds? Do they have access to a truck? Can they afford delivery? Will the Conference pay for delivery?

#### **Note for Southeast or West Districts:**

Contact your District President. Beds are being stored within your District. You will still need to complete a Bed Voucher and submit it to your District President. Delivery is not available from the thrift stores.

**Other important information:**

- Unused vouchers will carry over to the next fiscal year.
- Vouchers may be twinned to other Conferences and/or Districts.
- Conferences may purchase beds using the regular thrift store vouchers if they do not have remaining Bed Program Vouchers. (These can be paid for by using Conference credits or cash. 80% will be paid by the Conference. 20% will be paid by the Council Office.)

For pricing, click [here](#).