

Society of St. Vincent de Paul—Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis

2015 Annual Report



Friends,

Pope Francis reminds us, "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: It means seeing in every person the Face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Our Vincentian volunteers and generous donors answer this call day after day, making the Society's 170th year in St. Louis one of tremendous growth.

In fiscal year 2015, **Vincenians and staff served more than 290,000 neighbors in need** across our service area (the city of St. Louis and 13 surrounding counties in eastern Missouri).

We launched our new Bridges and Transportation Assistance programs, which address the most common challenges that keep people trapped in the cycle of poverty.

Because all of our **person-to-person services are provided by our dedicated volunteers**, we are able to pass on 100 percent of the contributions from donors and grantors to support those services.

The **growth of our thrift stores empowers us** to serve more of our neighbors in need across the St. Louis area. We opened a new store in Fenton, relocated our West County store to a larger space and are on track to continue opening and improving stores in 2016 and beyond.

Even with all our successes, the need in our community is great. Missouri's 2014 poverty rate was 15.5 percent, and St. Louis City's was a staggering 28.8 percent, according to the Missourians to End Poverty Coalition.

Helping our neighbors in need get out—and stay out—of poverty is no simple task. Looking ahead to 2016, we will continue to need the help of our generous supporters to build on our 170-year legacy of charity.

Thank you for joining us in our mission.

Yours in Christ,

John Foppe, Ph.D. (h.c.)
Executive Director



We're the hands and feet of Christ for our neighbors in need; in return, home visits help us see the Face of Christ in them.



Because of the work of our thousands of volunteers, 100% of donations goes directly to helping our neighbors in need.



Stores offer hope. With our vouchers, even those with extreme hardships can get what they need to live dignified, happy lives.



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Distribution of Services

● Utilities (44%)	\$3,343,036
● Housing, Furnishings, Clothing (36%)	\$2,802,470
● Prescriptions, Food, Transportation (16%)	\$1,221,101
● Special Services* (4%)	\$328,719
*Disaster, Tuition Assistance, Burial, etc.	
Total	\$7,695,326



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves individuals and families in need throughout the St. Louis area and eastern Missouri. Over 3,400 volunteers belonging to 142 parish-based conferences make home visits and offer person-to-person service to those living in poverty.

2015 Highlights

- **290,911** impoverished people were assisted
- **284,433** volunteer hours were contributed
- **55,199** person-to-person visits made, totaling **99** visits each day
- **\$7,695,325** in direct aid was provided
- **\$7,016,506** of in-kind goods collected

REVENUE

Contributions	\$5,157,640
Bequests	\$1,349,648
Program Grants/Revenue	\$725,735
Thrift Stores	\$5,039,556
Other Income	\$989,000
Investment Loss	(\$187,746)
Total Revenue	\$13,073,833

EXPENSES

Administrative	\$1,498,512
Programs	
Program Expenses	\$245,830
Direct Client Services	\$7,695,325
Thrift Stores	\$3,331,420
Total Expenses	\$12,771,087



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