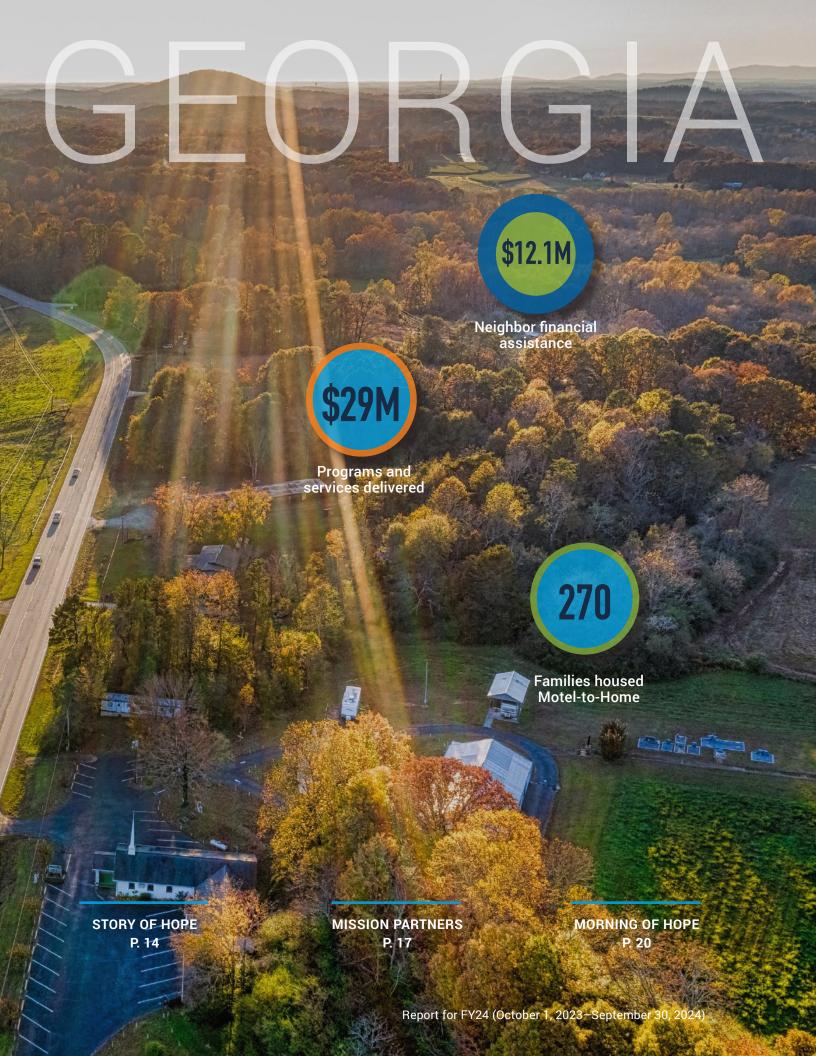


St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Annual Report | 2024

### Unlimited Possibilities for Our Neighbors









# 2024 A Year of Possibilities

Dear Friend,

Throughout 2024 we constantly explored ways to bring attention to the challenges faced by our low- and middle-income neighbors. Their emergency needs contribute to housing instability and greater chances for eviction and homelessness. Our focus continues to be on keeping neighbors housed with dignity.

The services we provided and coordinated with community partners and agencies speak to that focus. The neighbors, supporters, volunteers, partners, and programs highlighted in this report represent how our mission, strategic focus, and your support authored a Year of Possibilities.

\$1.0 million grant award from the DeKalb County Commission

Moved 270 families from motels to homes

Sharp increases in the cost of basic household items had devastating effects on Georgia neighbors in need. Eighty families a day came through the Chamblee Service Center doors, requesting food support. Our pantries throughout the state and those of our peers saw neighbors faced with choices of making rent/mortgage payments or keeping their utilities on, securing needed medications, and putting food on their tables. The cost of housing for many neighbors facing eviction, left hotel rooms as the best option to avoid homelessness. We moved 270 families from motels to stable housing, including a family that called a hotel home for six years.

We are grateful to supporters who united in generosity to help us respond to the needs of 291,933 neighbors in crisis. No support received more attention than DeKalb County Commission's \$1M grant award. It affirmed our mission and that keeping neighbors housed is the best strategy to prevent homelessness. Like our 2024 Builder of Hope Corporate Honoree, Gas South, they recognized that each crisis faced by an under resourced family is a possibility for housing instability.

The giving decisions of individuals and organizations powered possibilities for our neighbors. Gifts of time, talent and treasure helped neighbors avoid eviction, keep their utilities on, have food on their tables, receive essential medications and meet household emergencies. You powered Help, Hope, and Possibilities for recovery and sustained self-reliance.

We continue to express our gratitude!

Mike Mies

**Executive Director** 

Denise Fisher

President, Board of Directors

Like divergent spokes touching the same center, so our varied efforts tending toward diverse ends come together in one and the same charitable mind and proceed from the same principle."

– Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, Principal Founder, St. Vincent de Paul

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# Live Vincentian **VINCENTIAN**

### **CONFERENCES** BY DISTRICT

### **District 1 Cobb & NW Georgia**

**Holy Family** 

St. Ann

St. Catherine of Siena

St. Claire of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi (Cartersville)

St. John Vianney

St. Joseph (Marietta)

St. Louise de Marillac

St. Michael (Woodstock)

St. Thomas the Apostle

Transfiguration

### **District 2 North Fulton**

All Saints

**Blessed Trinity High School** 

St. Andrew

St. Benedict

St. Brigid

St. Jude

St. Peter Chanel

St. Thomas Aquinas

### **District 3 Gwinnett**

Mary Our Queen

Prince of Peace

St. John Neumann

St. Lawrence

St. Marquerite D'Youville

St. Monica

St. Oliver Plunkett

St. Patrick

St. Stephen the Martyr

### **District 4 Intown**

Christ the K

**Holy Spiri** 

Our Lady of the Assumption Our Lady of Charity

Our Lady of Lourdes Sacred Heart (Atlanta)

Shrine of the Immaculate

Conception

St. John the Evangelist

St. Paul of the Cross

### **District 5 Southwest**

**Holy Trinity** 

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Gabriel

St. James (McDonough)

St. Katherine Drexel

St. Mary Mother of God

St. Matthew (Tyrone)

St. Peter

St. Philip Benizi

St. Theresa

### **District 6 DeKalb**

Christ Our Hope

Corpus Christi

Holy Cross

Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. Thomas More

### **District 7 East & Dioce** of Savannah

**Christ Our King & Savior** 

Our Lady Queen of Angels Sts. Francis and William

St. James (Madison)

St. Katherine Drexel

St. Pius X

### **District 8 East Mountain**

Christ Redeeme

Good Shepherd

Sacred Heart (Hartwell)

St. Catherine Laboure

St. Luke the Evangelist

St. Mathew (Winder)

St. Michael (Gainesville)

St. Mary (Toccoa)

### **District 9 West Mountain**

Good Samaritan

Our Lady of the Mountains

Our Lady of LaSalette

St. Anthony

St. Clement

St. Francis of Assisi (Blairsville)

St. Gerard

St. Joseph (Dalton)

St. Mary's (Rome)

### **Bill Wangerien**

2024 Top Hat Award Winner

Vincentian Volunteer Holy Trinity Conference



In the areas of **Health, Housing, and Hunger**St. Vincent de Paul deploys strategies aimed at replacing fear, anxiety and need with **Hope**, guided by the following principles:

**Health**—Our goal is to improve health outcomes by providing free prescription maintenance medications and wellness education to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Georgia neighbors. **More than 1.5 million Georgians do not have health insurance**.

**Housing**—We focus on increasing housing stability by aiding neighbors with support needed to prevent eviction. We believe the most effective solution to reducing homelessness is to keep neighbors housed. **In Georgia 23% of all renters are not current on rent payments.** 

**Hunger**—Our goal is to decrease food insecurity and increase food access, so our neighbors have adequate food for their households and do not go hungry. **More than 500,000 Georgia adults report children in the home were not eating enough because the household couldn't afford food.** 

1.5M Georgians do not have health insurance 23% of all renters are not current on rent payments

**500,000**More than 500,000 children are not eating enough

We recognize there are many factors that impact the health and well-being of under-resourced households. St. Vincent de Paul incorporates a variety of services and partners with agencies throughout the state to ensure a comprehensive action plan is developed and deployed to move neighbors from need to sustained self-reliance.

### REMOVING BARRIERS TO STABILITY

High interest rates (150% avg.) of Pay Day Loans and Title Pawns are barriers to housing stability.





Greg with his family and Jack Murphy, Vincentian member

Jack Murphy is a Vincentian member at the SVdP St. Thomas Aquinas Conference. He is also Chair of the North Fulton Improvement Network, working to address the widespread yet little-known financial vulnerability across the region. With stakeholders from sectors including business, nonprofit, faith, government, and citizens, their efforts focus on five areas of impact. They seek to educate the public about these issues, build a network of individuals and organizations with innovative private and public solutions, and connect resources to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul's strategic focus on keeping neighbors in need housed, recognizes that financial vulnerability is one of the greatest threats. The intersection of Jack's work with both organizations can be seen when he sits face-to-face with a neighbor in crisis, focused on seeing them through to stable affordable housing and self-reliance. He knows that it takes time within the framework of St. Vincent de Paul's holistic service model. Addressing emergency needs is the start, followed by helping neighbors create personal action plans to increase the odds of moving beyond an emergency to reach sustained stability.

Such was the case for Greg in 2016 when he sat with Jack for the first time. Although gainfully employed, stable housing was his challenge, living mostly in extended stay hotels. He only needed what Jack describes as a "little cushion" to make it through the month. The underlying cause of ongoing need was a high interest title loan. In April of 2023, the two sat down to enroll Greg in the SVdP High Interest Loan Conversion Program. Last October Jack celebrated with the neighbor he now calls a friend, when Greg paid off his car loan and took possession of the title.

"Without his own prayerful determination and the support of his family, Greg's successful turnaround wouldn't have been possible. SVdP's assistance was a cushion when he needed it most," adds Jack with typical Vincentian humility.

"It feels so good to come out on the other side. It took a while and a lot of work. There always seemed to be something over the years. Sometimes it was work, not having a job or enough hours and other times it was personal challenges. Jack was there when I called on him and many times, he was calling to check in to see how things were going. It also took having someone to believe in me.

Jack believed in me enough to recommend me and help me get accepted into St. Vincent de Paul Loan Conversion Program. I would still be struggling to pay off that title loan with more than 20% interest and struggling to keep my family in a decent place to live.

I am so grateful to have a friend like Jack and grateful to St. Vincent de Paul."

- Greg K.



of neighbors gave the highest rating for the kindness and care provided by SVdP volunteers and staff.



"Without their help, I don't know where I'd be. They didn't just provide assistance, they gave me hope."

"They were kind and understanding. Helped me in a desperate time." "They were my guardian angels. I can't thank them enough for saving my life." "I felt seen, heard, and respected. They truly care about people."

"SVdP went above and beyond to make sure my family had what we needed to stay in our home."

### Listening, Serving, and Providing Hope

Insights from Lisa Regan, Sr. Director, Programs and Services, about how we listen, learn, and respond to the needs of neighbors

Our daily efforts begin with providing help to our neighbors in their time of crisis with dignity, compassion, and respect. Whether through financial assistance that keeps a family in their home, food programs that ensure no one goes hungry, no-cost life-saving medications, or simply a listening ear to remind neighbors they are not alone, I can see the difference it makes to care. Beyond the assistance we provide, we place a high priority on human connection. Volunteers and case workers strive to listen, and ensure neighbors feel seen and supported. Recognizing the value of each person's story and providing Hope is at the heart of our mission and our service.

Our recent neighbor survey reaffirmed the importance of the care we believe must be included with our service. Almost 90% of those served gave the highest possible rating for the kindness and care they received, and two-thirds reported they have remained stable since their last interaction with SVdP. Neighbors described their experiences with words like "guardian angels," "kind and understanding," and "a lifeline in a desperate time."

Looking ahead, I recognize the need to expand and strengthen housing initiatives and wrap-around services that support long-term solutions. Empowering neighbors to build self-reliant futures is essential to addressing the crisis of housing instability and homelessness across Georgia.



Annual community events at St. Vincent de Paul provide opportunities for our supporters, volunteers, partners, and public officials to engage with our neighbors beyond their time of need. Beyond providing time to relax and have fun, these program events foster a sense of belonging and create the kind of vibrant social exchanges that can turn neighbors into friends.

Fish Fry—Our Community Fish Fry provides a welcoming space for neighbors to share a meal, fellowship, and build relationships. During the season of reflection and service, SVdP volunteers and staff serve guests with care and warmth, fostering meaningful connections and a strong sense of community.

Block Party—Our Annual Block Party brings together neighbors, volunteers, public servants, and community partners for a day of fun, food, and connection. Guests enjoy music, games, and activities in the SVdP spirit of friendship. Neighbors gain access to information and services from business, community, and civic partners. The event strengthens a shared commitment to building a supportive and welcoming community.

Souper Bowl—The Souper Bowl celebrates America's biggest annual sports event while bringing neighbors together over warm soup, in a warm atmosphere of personal connection and fellowship. Housed and unhoused neighbors share meals and stories with staff and the day's volunteers. The event reinforces SVdP's commitment to building a spirit of community that begins with welcoming all.





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Bringing the neighbors we serve together with staff, volunteers, supporters, partners and public officials is intentional. The fellowship opportunities we can provide for "all our neighbors" broadens everyone's understanding of what makes a community."

Mike Mies,Executive Director

### GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT

In 2024 the St. Vincent de Paul mission was supported by 612,404 volunteer hours including a group of dedicated 7th grade students, community members, company employees, and so many more. They made a tremendous difference in the lives of our neighbors – processing the intake of neighbors seeking service, delivering prescriptions, stocking pantry shelves, frying fish, dishing soup, greeting guests, and stepping in wherever needed.

More than 3,100 Vincentian volunteer members throughout Georgia have established standards of service to meet the needs of our neighbors when they need us most. SVdP consistently provides meaningful opportunities for community volunteers to serve their neighbors in need with love and compassion. We are grateful to all of our volunteers and the contributions their service makes in bringing Help and Hope to our Georgia neighbors in need.

### 2024 Volunteers of the Year

Adrien Chung
Dirk van der Grinten
Individual Volunteer of the Year

**Beal Bank**Corporate Volunteer of the Year

**Holy Redeemer Catholic School 7th Grade Class** Youth Volunteer of the Year

**Rob Muething 2024 Vincentian Top Hat Award Finalists**Special Recognition Volunteers



Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.





TOTAL INCOME \$31.1M

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANT AWARDS \$14.3M

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS \$11.1M

THRIFT STORE SALES \$4.5M

OTHER INCOME \$1.2M

TOTAL EXPENSES \$31.0M

PROGRAM SERVICES \$29.0M

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL \$1.2M

FUNDRAISING \$730K

NET ASSETS 2024 **\$10.9M** 

NET ASSETS 2023 **\$10.7M** 

94% Of every dollar served our Neighbors in need



Seventeen years ago, Avery came to St. Vincent de Paul as a neighbor, participating in the Bobby Dodd Institute work training program. A successful recruitment effort made him a permanent employee. "The fact that for so many years Avery has thrived and felt "at home" working here, speaks to our culture of treating everyone with dignity and respect," says HR Director Sonji Bates-Boston.



Daily donations sorted for thrift store and recycling



The ache for home lives in all of us. The safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."

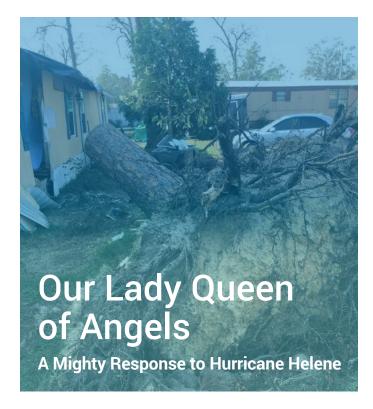
- Maya Angelou

He will quickly tell you, "I love my job," and his favorite part is sorting donations for the Chamblee Thrift Store. According to his mom, Joyce, he hates to miss a day of work and rarely wants to take a vacation. "Where is Avery" echoes at the Chamblee Service Center on any day that staff members realize they haven't seen him.

Like many people on the autism spectrum, Avery thrives on routine and structure. As a part-time custodian at SVdP, his duties of making sure the Chamblee offices and exterior areas are kept clean align with his attention to detail. Most of the staff know the time of day it is when he walks in their office to ensure their waste basket is empty and clean. Nothing distracts him from that responsibility except an occasional piece of chocolate. In the warehouse he assists with receiving donations and preparing items for recycling.

Avery is not all work and no play. He loves building Super Mario Brothers Lego models and playing video games. Every year he looks forward to dressing up with his family to attend the Renaissance Festival, enjoying the hot dogs and hamburgers best. He also has a love of celebrations, taking the lead on decorating the front lobby Christmas tree and insisting on perfection.

Sue Hansen, Senior Director of Finance, speaks for a lot of the Chamblee staff. "I look forward to seeing Avery on Friday mornings, as he always joyfully reminds me that it is Friday!" Everyone can count on him to be reminded of the day of the week. He is also a reminder of the many and diverse contributions to mission success at St. Vincent de Paul.



"The wind that night was something I've never heard," recounted Ed Betross, Queen of Angels Conference President. In describing the relentless force of Hurricane Helene on September 27, Ed's assessment aligned with those of state officials and the media, Helene left a trail of destruction across South Georgia.

Members of the small Vincentian Conference in Thomson, Georgia awoke with the same mission they have embraced since they began in 1992, ready to respond to the needs of their neighbors. The small McDuffie County community of less than 7,000 residents was among the hardest hit. Homes were battered, trees uprooted and lives upended. FEMA's early reports painted a grim picture: ninety-three (93) homes deemed uninhabitable, fifty-one (51) homes destroyed, and tragically, five (5) lives lost. Power and water outages persisted for weeks, compounding the struggles of residents who had already lost food, work, and security.

When Ed and Conference members began mobilizing relief efforts a week after the storm, they leveraged local radio stations and social media to spread the word. They initially focused



Despite the challenges of moving through the destruction, home visits were central to serving our neighbors in need. These face-to-face meetings allowed Conference members to not only provide practical assistance but also offer comfort, prayer, and hope."

- Ed Betross





on stabilizing families who had fallen behind due to missing work and storm-related expenses with rent, mortgage and utility payment assistance.

Additionally, the Conference organized an emergency food drive, delivering meals directly to affected families. As the requests from neighbors in need grew, Vincentians from Christ our King and Savior Conference (Greensboro, Georgia) came to assist.

Partnerships with St Paul Catholic Church (Douglas, GA), SVDP USA's Disaster Services Corp. and Catholic Charities of South Georgia established a Recovery Assistance Center to serve Helene impacted neighbors in Coffee, Bacon, Jeff Davis, Atkinson, Berrien, Irwin and Ben Hill Counties. We are grateful to the financial support of The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, Georgia Power, Southern Star and individuals who helped us respond throughout communities impacted by Helene.

### **MISSION PARTNERS:** CORPORATE

#### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### Gas South

### A Fuel for Good...A Partnership to **Keep Children Housed**

A shared commitment to ensuring children have opportunities to reach their full potential defines the Gas South/St. Vincent de Paul partnership. We collectively recognize that stable housing and providing the most basic needs are the foundation for building a home and community that support the growth and development of Georgia's most precious resource - "our children."

The holistic support of Gas South mirrors our holistic service model that deploys direct financial aid and complimentary services to at-risk households, where children could face the harmful consequences of eviction and homelessness. The tremendous financial support directed toward utility and rent payments, is just the beginning. Public attention to how eviction prevention contributes to the well-being of Georgia's children is amplified by the engagement and voices of Gas South leaders and employees. They volunteer, they collaborate, they invite the support of their corporate peers, and they lead.

Service to Georgia neighbors in need will expand in 2025, from our answer to Gas South's all-important question, "what do you need to advance your efforts to help ensure our children have the comfort of a home that meets their basic needs, and many of their wants in the Holiday Season?"



2024 Corporate **Builder of** Hope



#### SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

- · Utility and Rent Payment Assistance
- Motel-to-Home Family Support & Holiday Luncheon
- Morning of Hope Gala Sponsor
- Tee Off for Hope Sponsor
- · Block Party Sponsor
- · Giving Tuesday Gift Match
- WISH (Women in Hope & Service) Launch Partner (2025)
- · Board of Directors Service



## MISSION PARTNERS:

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### **DeKalb County**

**Keeping Neighbors Housed**with Holistic Support

As noted by HUD's 2003 study, effective homeless prevention goes beyond mere financial assistance to addressing a range of factors contributing to housing instability. At St. Vincent de Paul, our trained volunteer caseworkers meet with at-risk families in their homes to obtain a holistic view of their situation. They spend time as a trusted neighbor listening to the unique story of each neighbor in need, helping them craft an action-plan to overcome their current setback.

The DeKalb County Community Care Initiative distributed \$13 million to 11 experienced nonprofit organizations which included a \$1.0 million dollar award to St. Vincent de Paul. The partnership initiative includes DeKalb County Community Development's Coordinated Entry and the selected nonprofits, in collaboration with the HUD-approved HOME-ARP program. The funds provide rental and utility assistance, employment assistance, training, mental health services, educational needs, food, childcare, and legal services.





After dealing with an unexpected injury, more medical bills than I could count, and consistent trips to the hospital, I could not have asked for a better time to learn about St. Vincent de Paul through the DeKalb ICCI Program. As an employee of DeKalb County, it is partnerships like this that make a difference to support people who just need a hand up! Thank you, St. Vincent de Paul, for keeping my family and I housed, warm and comfortable. It has truly been a rough couple of months for my family and me."

-Vanessa A.

## **OUR SUPPORTERS:**CIVIC/GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

AGENCIES
City of Chamblee

Cobb County Department of Community

Development

City of Dunwoody

DeKalb County Board of Commissioners

DeKalb County Department of Human Services

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

National Board

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Fulton County Department of

Community Development

Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

Georgia Department of Human Services

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)



More than 100,000 neighbors received food to support the nourishment and well-being of their households.



What must it be like to escape domestic abuse with seven children, and realize you have no way to feed them or yourself? Such was the case for Angela, when she reached out to the St. Peter Chanel Conference. When Vincentian volunteers Sandra and Mike made the home visit, the beautiful and enchanting spirit of Angela's one-year-old daughter couldn't distract them from the fragility of the family's circumstances.

Section 8 had afforded them a roof over their heads, but the rooms were bare. Sitting together on the tile floor with their Neighbor, it was apparent to these Vincentians that, despite not having a chair to sit in or a bed to sleep on, the most important issue to this mother was to not let her children go hungry. St. Vincent de Paul solved that problem with access to the St. Peter Chanel food pantry.

But Sandra and Mike did what Vincentians do every day. Looking beyond her immediate need for food, what did their Neighbor need to build a stable home for her children and begin to heal from the trauma they had all experienced? A call to our partner Fully Furnished Ministry secured furniture for the home that had been bare for the past two months. Connections with our Benefits Coordinator will help re-instate critical lapsed SNAP and TANF benefits. And the Conference will be working alongside this family to provide basic household items, while ensuring our Neighbor has food to put on her new kitchen table.



In 2024 St. Vincent de Paul Georgia's forty (40) Food Pantries across the state distributed 2,710,570 pounds of food valued at \$5,339,825.

## YOU BUILT A 2024 MORNING OF HOPE

### From the Host Committee

"Thank you, this was so uplifting," shared one attendee as he exited the ballroom. On behalf of the 2024 Morning of Hope Host Committee I hope his feelings were shared by all who braved the threat of Helene to spend the morning with us.

The storm held back as the powerful words of Dr. Johnetta Cole reminded us, "when we summon the spirit of Hope living inside us all, we will be moved to Help those who need us most." The carefully chosen selections from the Trey Clegg Singers and recognition of the contributions of our 2024 Builders of Hope affirmed her call to action.

We are truly grateful for everyone who united in generosity to provide more than \$200,000 to support the St. Vincent de Paul mission. These unrestricted funds were crucial to our response to Helene-impacted neighbors. Many other calls will be answered with aid when and where it's needed most, to bring Help and Hope to our Georgia neighbors in need. We remain grateful!

Louise Scott Committee Chair



2024 BUILDERS OF HOPE
Don & Theresa Conklin
Gas South
United Way of
Greater Atlanta



















### PRESCRIPTIONS FOR HEALTH & HOPE



In 2024, rising costs of basic items, housing instability, and limited healthcare access left many neighbors unable to afford medications for chronic illnesses. Faced with paying their rent or mortgage or filling a needed prescription, neighbors often place a roof over their head ahead of their health.

Neighbors struggling to maintain housing stability tend to struggle to maintain their health. Affordable housing is often in areas with limited or no access to healthcare. These areas also lack grocery stores and access to healthy food options, both essential for managing chronic illnesses.

The holistic service model at SVdP identifies household challenges that contribute to poor health and overall stress. "Our relationship with our patients is personal, providing opportunities to identify other needs critical for their well-being," states Pharmacy Director Dr. Samatha Ricks. "It helps in identifying other household challenges that can be addressed inside this building or making referrals to our nonprofit partners and social service agencies to serve their housing, hunger and health needs."



To Everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, I just wanted to thank you for everything you do to help me by providing all my medicine. I could not afford my medicine AT ALL! If it weren't for you, I would have to choose between eating or rent vs. medicine. But now I can have all 3. Tx!

- Jennie, SVdP Community Pharmacy Patient

### **MEETING NEIGHBORS** WHERE THEY ARE



whatsoever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you did unto me."

Matthew 25:40



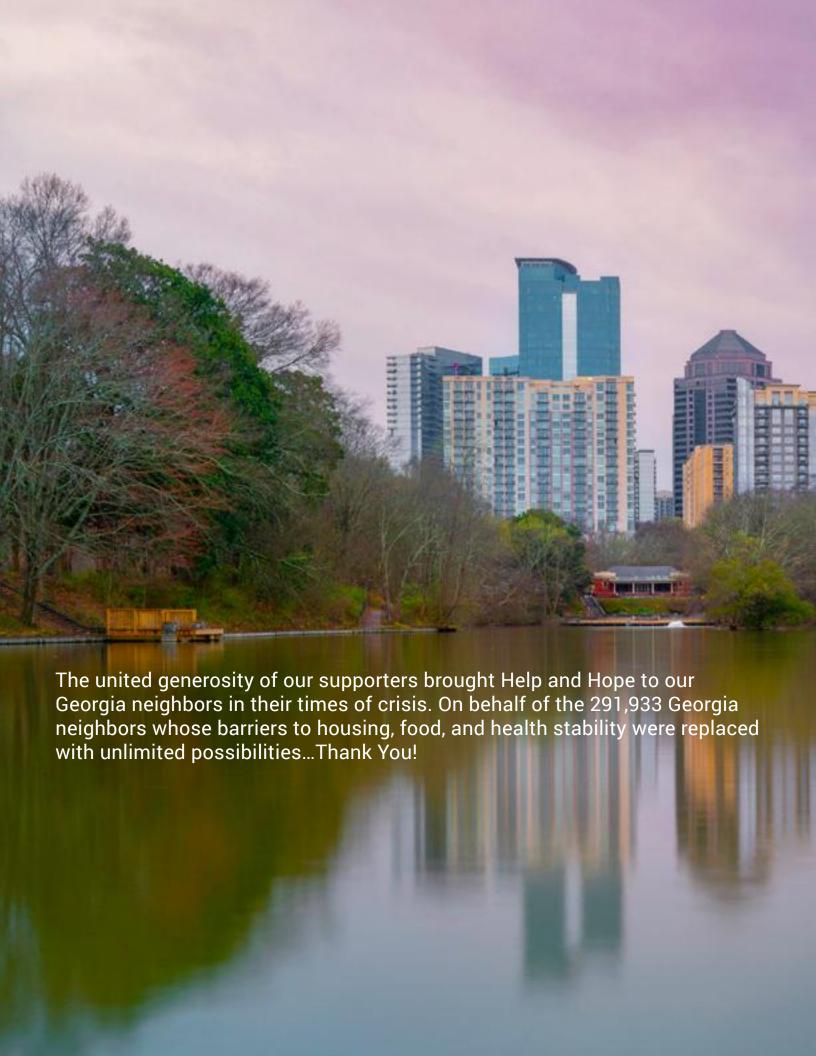
Not everyone is prepared for the reality that every first encounter with a person or household will begin with "need." Often the first meeting with a neighbor and a team of two Vincencian members at their home, at a parish, in a hotel room, or an arranged meeting place requires an easy assesment for providing utility payment assistance, food support, pharmacy referral or Thrift Store voucher. In these moments, neighbors are quickly made whole.

So, what happens when they encounter a neighbor like Angela (pg. 19) and her seven children in an empty house, having fled domestic abuse? They do what they are called to do – seek to always "see Christ in the face of the poor," and to bring the love of God to those who are in material or spiritual need. Their essential spiritual virtues of simplicity, humility, gentleness, selflessness, and zeal guide their responses to calls for aid and the short- and long-term solutions needed to bring Help and Hope to neighbors in need.

In 2024 Vincentian members and staff conducted 31,148 personal visits with neighbors like Angela and Greg (pg. 8). The impact of the St. Vincent de Paul mission is undergirded by the face-to-face encounters with our neighbors, revealing needs beyond the immediate, and walking alongside them on a path to sustained self-reliance.



3,500+ Vincentian members





### **HELP & HOPE** FROM TREASURES



### Shopping at Vinny's

Thrifting continues to be a popular pastime. Shoppers appreciate affordable options to find unique items that express personal style while reducing the environmental impact of waste disposal. Our thrift stores give clothes, toys, furniture, and other household items a second life.

There are times when donors have items of considerable value. they no longer wish to retain but can't imagine their \$10,000 watch in the jewelry case of a thrift store. Vinny's Thrift and

### **Donate and Shop at our Georgia Thrift Stores**

**Brunswick** 

**Buford** 

Chamblee

Commerce

Dallas

Kennesaw

Lawrenceville

Marietta

**Stone Mountain** 

\$4.5M Sales **Provided Direct** Aid and Service

Collectibles on eBay provides St. Vincent de Paul with an opportunity to offer high-value items to a large audience of buyers.

In 2024 profits from Thrift Store sales provided \$4.5M to directly serve our neighbors in need with support for housing, food, medication, and so much more. When neighbors need clothing, furniture and household items, whether fleeing abusive situations or become rehoused after an eviction or motel stay, rarely do they have the financial stability to make their new house a real home. Thrift Store vouchers supplied by Vincentian Chapters and staff, allow them to secure those items at no cost. Every donation and every purchase, regardless of dollar value, supports a valuable opportunity for stability and sustained self-sufficiency for our neighbors in need.









### **TURNING** TREASURES INTO **HELP & HOPE**



### Vinny's Thrift and Collectibles

99.1% positive feedback 7.1K items sold 1.0K followers



## The Guardian Society DEFENDERS. PROTECTORS. KEEPERS.

We are extremely grateful for the deep level of commitment demonstrated by members of The Guardian Society. Their monthly contributions, designated for use when and where needed most, provide a consistent and reliable stream of income, allowing for better program planning budgeting, and sustainability.

The united generosity within this highly recognized giving circle at St. Vincent de Paul supports service to neighbors in need throughout Georgia. Guardian Society support is essential to the services and support we deploy when neighbors and communities face extraordinary emergencies and catastrophes, like Hurricane Helene.

#### 2024 MEMBERS

Lisa Regan

London Thurman Luke Van Zyl

Margaret Gainer

Allison Jenkins George Arkedis Alvaro Lopez Henry Ajibowo Amanda Stricklin Hulda Smith **Andrew Lewis** James Morgan Anita Pavadore James Odenwalder Arthur Riedlinger James Stewart Ashlei Shannon James Russell Maxwell Bea Perdue Jane Walker Brandy Hillhouse Janie Lindenbaum Brian Locke Jason Allen Jean and Tim Jackson Brian Dubay **Bruce Higgins** Jennifer Camp Jerry Lichtefeld C. Anthony Morrow John Hester Cathy Frazier Chanel Reid John Powers Charlotte Combre John Truono **Christine Norstadt** John Tetrick Chuck and Kay Schultz John Honrath Dan Philipp Joseph Faraca **Daniel Collins** Joseph Kimbrell **Daniel Beharry** Joseph Weinzierl Danny Fuleihan Judith Kempken David Leta Kaylamiajee Salter Deborah Jackson Kelly Basler Ken Huff Debra Roberts Kevin Hanson Deirdre Douglass Dennis Herman Kyle Williams Donald Curtis Jr Kyle Bartels **Dorothy Hillegass** Lauren Jagdeo Leo Atkinson E. Russell Epperson Earl Willis Lindsay Johnson

Ellen Lucy

**Emily Cooper** 

Gary Lee-Kim Gary Koehler

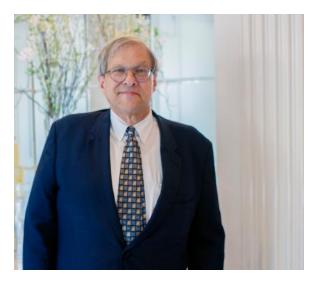
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Maricia Kimbrell

Susan and Mike Hansen

## LASTING LEGACIES SUSTAIN THE MISSION

## The 1903 Society



### Charles Jones Member

Charitable planned gifts ensure long term sustainability of the St. Vincent de Paul mission. A supporter today can build a legacy to fulfill their dreams and wishes of Help and Hope for many tomorrows. We are grateful to members of the 1903 Society for demonstrating their commitment to serve and inspire the service of future generations long beyond a lifetime.

Tell us about your life and work and who or what has most influenced your Vincentian service and the desire to help others.

I became aware of SVdP from hearing about its work in the parish serving others. I later began financial support. But it

was when two friends Wilma and Imelda, both Vincentians, invited me to join them helping at the Chamblee food pantry when CTK (Christ the King Conference) was scheduled. This continued on a regular basis and they later said come to a monthly meeting. I later gravitated to learning about case work and getting deeper engaged. I was desirous of doing more than just donating but directly working with Neighbors. It is a form of living our faith and social teaching and justice.

## You truly give of your time, talent, and treasure to the St. Vincent de Paul mission. What most influences your commitment to serving and giving to the organization?

I am most influenced by serving others and seeing if we can raise them to sustainability. Every person we serve has a story and history and listening to them is critical discerning their needs. Everything we do isn't just about money, it is relational. It is a reminder as to our French roots of serving the destitute in Paris and living our faith.

### You have chosen to leave a legacy of that support as a 1903 Society Member, what do you most want that gift to say about you and this mission to future generations?

I want my legacy to be perpetual in that it continues through endowment and serves others. I want it to say I support the future mission of SVdP and my contribution supports their future initiatives.

Our good works are like stones cast into the pool of time; though the stones themselves may disappear, their ripples extend to eternity."

- Unknown

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In 2024 support from institutional donors expanded our service capacity, launched new program initiatives, and elevated our public profile. We are grateful for their decisions to align their community impact and philanthropic goals with the St. Vincent de Paul Mission. With their help, we were able to bring Help and Hope to 291,933 of our Georgia neighbors.

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- R. Beasley

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