

## THE SOCIETY

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Operating within, but independent of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint Vincent DePaul local conferences help those in need with material, moral and spiritual support. Currently, more than 1,300 volunteers are involved throughout the Delaware Valley.

Conference activities are defined by the needs of the particular local community. Home visitation is performed across the board members. Additional good works can include transportation for elderly, shut-ins; bereavement support; nursing home visitation; holiday dinner/gift drives, food preparation for the homeless, etc.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Society – Holy Martyrs Conference, or including the Society in your will, please call 215.288-8160 for information.

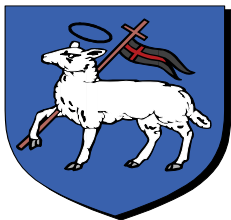
## CURRENT EFFORTS

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In 2004, nationally served 13.7 million people, over \$392M thru Vincentian services and direct assistance.

Clothing offer housing, counseling and other support services. This practical care is enhanced by spiritual guidance.

*Founded in 1975*



*Help those  
less fortunate  
than yourself. . .  
volunteer today!*

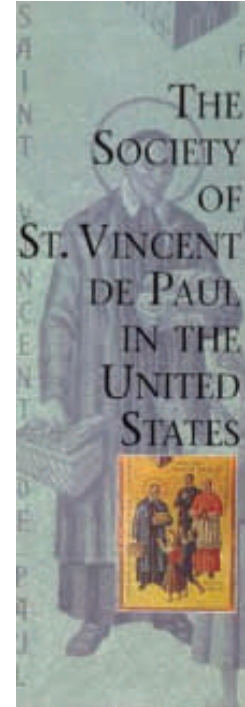
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## St. Vincent DePaul Holy Martyrs Conference



**An international,  
non-profit  
organization  
of lay persons,  
who seek, in the spirit  
of justice and charity  
and by  
person-to-person  
involvement,  
to help  
those who are  
suffering.**

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**Helping Those in Need**

## HISTORY



*Blessed Frederick Ozanam  
Our Founder*

Inspired by Gospel Values, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, **Blessed Frederic Ozanam**, and patron, **Saint Vincent de Paul**.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by prayer and reflection, mutually supporting gatherings and adherence to a basic rule.

Organized locally in conferences, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul collaborates with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served, because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ.

### HISTORY OF CHARITY

In 1833, Antoine Frederic Ozanam founded the Society in Paris, France. One step away from sainthood, Ozanam was beatified in August 1997.

1833 - Society Founded in Paris

1845- Inception in the U.S.

1851 - Spread to Philadelphia

1975 - Founded in Oreland

## GOOD WORK PROGRAMS

### REBUILDING TOGETHER

*Rebuilding Together's* mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, from the elderly and disabled to families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence.

In partnership with communities, our goal is to make a sustainable impact.

### GUILDING STAR MINISTRIES & LADY HOUSE

*Guiding Star Ministries* is a transitional housing program assisting women and their children. We offer housing, counseling, financial training and other support services. This practical care is enhanced by spiritual guidance.

Residents are invited to live in our home while they learn valuable parenting skills and pursue employment or continue their education. Our staff helps them build a promising future for themselves and their children. Guiding Star serves women of ages 18 or older regardless of race, color, creed or religion.

### CALL TO PROTECT

The *Call To Protect* campaign collects wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence. Proceeds from the sale of phones help fund agencies that fight domestic violence and are also used to support the educational efforts of the Wireless Foundation. Other phones are refurbished and become lifelines for domestic violence victims enabling them to call for assistance when faced with an emergency situation.

If you wish to donate your used wireless phone - call 888.901-SAFE(7233).

## TWINNING

Currently, St. Vincent DePaul Society – Holy Martyrs Conference provides both domestic parish twinning with Visitation BVM and International support to Evergreen Mission School in Bangalore, India.

### THRIFT STORES

Our local Society has Clothing Drives about twice per year. Thrift Stores have a staff of employees that work to collect, evaluate and merchandise a variety of needed goods. Those who cannot afford clothing, furniture and other household items are provided for through a Vincentian-initiated referral service. We also work with other social agencies to provide their clients with needed items at no cost or at greatly reduced prices. Proceeds from any sold goods help fund and defray the Society's many good works.

The Central Council operates various thrift stores throughout the US. As a non-profit organization, we provide a number of important functions to both the local community and the nation. By collecting used clothing, furniture, household items and appliances, we are one of the major recycling resources in the country. Millions of pounds of clothing are given a second life and help our environment landfills. By prudent use of these items, the quality of life for many in need is improved and if help was not available these needs would have to be met with public tax dollars.

Please call  
**215.288.8160**  
for a list of  
current drives  
or  
donation centers  
in your area.