

**Volunteers:**

Volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul is a most fulfilling way to spend your time. You will help those in need and work with people who share your values. It's a happy and congenial place where you assist others and find spiritual and personal growth.

SVdP members come from all walks of life, races, faith groups and backgrounds. But we all believe the dictum "whatever you do for the least of mine, you do unto me."

See the following list of our ministries to find one that suits your interests.

**Food Pantry:**

- Pack bags of groceries for distribution.
- Register those coming for groceries and give out bags and extra items.
- Sort food from a variety of sources and stock shelves.
- Food Link: Use your vehicle to pick up items from local grocery stores. Deliver to SVdP for storage in designated spaces.

**Thrift Center/Boutique:**

- Collect, fold and arrange clothes.
- Sort and display housewares.
- Assist shoppers as needed.
- Work cash registers for payment of purchases.

**Furniture Center:**

- Pick up furniture with SVdP truck.
- Organize, price and display items.

- Work in our boutique of upscale clothing, accessories, jewelry and shoes.
- Assist shoppers as needed.

**Home Visitors:**

Home visitation is the mainstay of SVdP, to see the face of Christ in the poor. This involves meeting with people who cannot pay for basic necessities such as heating, water or rent. Teams always consist of two Vincentians.

- Provide financial and other counseling as needed and wanted.
- Arrange payment with service providers of essential needs.
- Assist those who are temporarily homeless.
- Make referrals to local social service agencies and offer other SVdP services such as the Food Pantry and Thrift Store.
- On call one to two days a month.

**Donations Shed:**

- Accept donations.
- Move items to appropriate location.

**Ambassadors:**

Welcome new Vincentians and help them find their ministry with SVdP.

- Meet and greet new members.
- One-on-one discussion to explain SVdP programs.

**Friendly Neighbor Ministry:**

The elderly are often forgotten members of our society. Friendly Neighbors:

- Provide phone contact and home visits for the isolated or homebound.
- Offer those we visit our smiling faces, listening ears and understanding hearts.
- Provide the presence and friendship of a faith-based, serving community.

**Phone Responders:**

SVdP has a helpline. Phone responders work one day a week to retrieve calls and refer callers to the appropriate person.

**Building Maintenance/Security:**

Several jobs assist the facilities engineer to:

- Insure maintenance of systems.
- Determine space designation and expansion.

**Marketing/Publicity Committee:**

Communicates our mission and activities to clients, volunteers and supporters.

**Computer, Database and Website Support:**

- Assist in maintaining and updating databases.
- Website development and maintenance.
- Provide technical support for all computer systems.

### **Community Outreach:**

Liaison with other Talbot County partners dealing with hunger, housing, employment, and other local issues affecting those who are disadvantaged.

### **General Support:**

- Grant application writing.
- Tracking volunteer hours.
- Recording minutes.
- Thank you letters.
- Special events.

### **Voice of the Poor:**

This advocacy group supports programs to help those in need at the local, county, state and federal levels. We also support programs and actions sent to us by SVdP councils and national leadership. Reports as appropriate go to our members. This is *not* a political lobbying group.

### **Youth Activities:**

Our children learn to bring faith and hope alive through service to others.

- Student volunteers assist adults at the Thrift Center where help is needed. They are eligible to receive Service Hours required for graduation in Talbot County.

### **Special Projects**

#### **Angel Tree:**

SVdP matches children and adults in need with Christmas presents from their wish list.

### **Detention Center Christmas Party:**

SVdP hosts a Christmas party at the Talbot County Detention Center for families and detainees.

### **Fundraisers:**

- Dining Out "Feed the Hungry" Card.
- Annual Cocktail Party and Silent Auction.
- Movie Under the Stars night.
- Other activities to raise money.

### **Spirituality:**

The primary purpose of SVdP is to increase the spiritual growth of its members. Volunteers prepare prayers for all meetings, maintain prayer lists, schedule Masses, organize spiritual reflections and provide spiritual guidance and prayers for other ministries.

### **Please consider membership in SVdP:**

We are an organization of people who are trying to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

SVdP is both a spiritual and social community that benefits we who work with it more than those we serve.

As you can see from the above list, SVdP needs people with many different skills and interests. You may choose how much time you would give to SVdP, knowing that all is appreciated and greatly needed.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**with**

**The Society**

**of**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

### **Location of Center**

29533 Canvasback Drive  
Easton, Maryland 21601

### **Phone:**

410-770-4505

### **Web site:**

[www.svdpeastonmd.org](http://www.svdpeastonmd.org)

### **Email address:**

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### **Mailing address:**

PO Box 783  
Easton, Maryland 21601

### **Center Hours:**

Saturdays, 9:00 am to noon  
Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm