

Volunteers:

Volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul is a most fulfilling way to spend your time and find spiritual and personal growth. You will help those in need and work with people who share your values.

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, give out bags and extra items.
- Drive SVdP truck and/or help with loading donated food from area stores.
- Help unload truck, sort and stock food.

Thrift Center/Boutique:

- Sort, tag, fold, display clothing.
- Sort and display housewares.
- Assist shoppers as needed.
- Accept payment of purchases at cash registers.
- Work in our boutique of upscale clothing, accessories, jewelry and shoes.

Furniture Center:

- Pick up/deliver furniture with SVdP truck.
- Organize, price and display items.
- Work the Sales floor.

Home Visitation: This involves meeting with people who cannot pay for basic necessities such as heating, water or rent. Teams always consist of two Vincentians. Continuing counseling may be provided as necessary.

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

Donations Shed: Accept donations, provide receipt. Sort and move items to appropriate departments.

Ambassadors: Welcome new Vincentians--

- Help them find their ministry within SVdP
- Be a continuing support resource for all Vincentians.
- Assist with offsite and special events.

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 smiling faces, listening ears and understanding hearts to those we visit.
- 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: Assist the facilities engineer to:

- Insure maintenance of building and HVAC systems.

Marketing/Publicity Committee: Packages and communicates our mission and activities to clients, volunteers and supporters. Photographers to document events.

Computer, Database, Website Support:

- Assist in maintaining and updating databases.
- Maintain website.
- Provide technical support for all computer systems.

General Support:

- Write grant applications.
- Record minutes.
- Write thank you letters.
- Historian.

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. Appropriate reports are distributed to our members. This is *not* a political lobbying group.

Community Outreach:

Act as Liaison to the Talbot Co. Hunger Coalition and other related organizations.

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 detainees and their families.

Fundraisers:

- Dining Out “Feed the Hungry” Card.
- Annual main fundraising event.
- Movie Under the Stars night.

Youth Activities: Our children learn to bring faith & hope alive through service to others.

- Assist with SSPP/SVdP Club.
- Student volunteers assist in the Thrift Center and Food Pantry where needed.
- Students are eligible to receive service hours required for graduation in Talbot County.

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 joining us at SVdP!

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

SVdP is both a spiritual and social community that benefits those who volunteer more than those they serve.

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

“To see in those in need the face of Christ”



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Center Hours:

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Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm