

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church

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"No work of charity is foreign to the society"

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### **Upcoming SVDP Events**

"Stuff the Backpack" School Supplies Collection
Jul 27/28 & Aug 3/4

Monthly SVDP Black Box Collections:

Jul 27/28

Aug 24/25

Sep 28/29

Oct 26/27

Nov 23/24

Dec 28/29

Coat & Sweater Drive, + Men's Shoes

Oct 12-13 & 19-20

**Angel Tree** 

Select Angels - Nov. 16-17 & 23-24

Bring Gifts - Nov. 23 thru Dec. 8

Joyce Hulsey, a long-time member of our St. Vincent de Paul group, and secretary for the past three years, was called from her earthly life on June 24 to life everlasting. Joyce was an immense blessing to our team, and to

those in the community we serve, as is her husband, Ben. Together, they launched the SVDP "Sack Lunch Program" for Atonement families to help feed the homeless at St. Ann's SVDP.

Ben and Joyce have given so generously of their time and talent. Joyce will be very much missed, but we trust that she is now in the loving arms of Our Lord.

May she rest in peace!

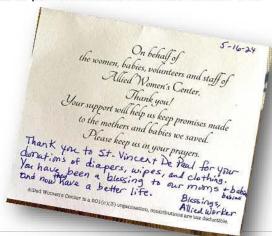


Volunteer at Allied Women's Center receives donations from our collection

# "...a blessing to our moms and babies"

An abundance of baby items — diapers, baby wipes, clothing, and other necessities for new moms — was collected through the always-generous donations of our parishioners in the May "Baby Shower" collection. The items were delivered to the Allied Women's Center (see thank-you note below), and to A Woman's Haven, which is located directly across from the big Planned Parenthood abortion facility in the medical center. Both of the pregnancy support facilities work non-stop to assist women in crisis pregnancy situations who are at a point where abortion seems to be their

only option. These facilities bring authentic compassion, spiritual aid, practical assistance, and baby necessities to the moms before the baby's birth, and during the early months of baby's life. Without this help, many women would face the despair of "no other choice."



Thank you, parishioners, for your awesome generosity!

#### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to, people in need."

# Some of the ways your monthly "black box" donations are helping:

- Helped a grandmother, and the 1-year-old grandson she raises, with recovery after a home fire left them without electricity. We were able to assist her with the necessary funds (which she did not have) to replace the fuse box destroyed by fire.
- Provided short-term rental assistance to a woman who is suffering from trauma due to her son's murder by his girlfriend. She was unable to work, and her place of employment could not keep her on. While waiting for temporary disability, she asked for help with her rent which was donated by OLA's SVDP conference, plus several other San Antonio SVDP conferences.
- Our Vincentians visited a family going through serious financial and medical challenges, due to the mom's workplace fall, resulting in knee and neck surgeries. As a contract employee, her hours have varied lately, and her injuries make work more difficult to support her family as before. We have assisted not only with HEB gift cards, but also by sharing our Catholic Faith, and inviting her to attend Mass. She has come to Atonement to pray and is very grateful for our support and friendship.



"Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future, because the number of its past works is still very small and the present and future miseries that it must alleviate are infinite."

Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society



## **Vocation Bible School Donates Socks for the Homeless**

As part of the June "Vocation Bible School" program at Our Lady of the Atonement, the children generously collected socks for the homeless who are served by the SVDP ministry at St. Ann parish. Thank you, Mary Pat Reed, for asking "how can the kids help?" The socks are a much-needed item — a luxury, really — for people on the streets.

Thanks, kids!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** provides assistance to those in need with rent, food, utilities, and other basic necessities in times of crisis. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or a home visit, please call us at (210) 370-7203.

Have you thought about becoming a member of our St. Vincent de Paul conference? Call (210) 370-7203.



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