

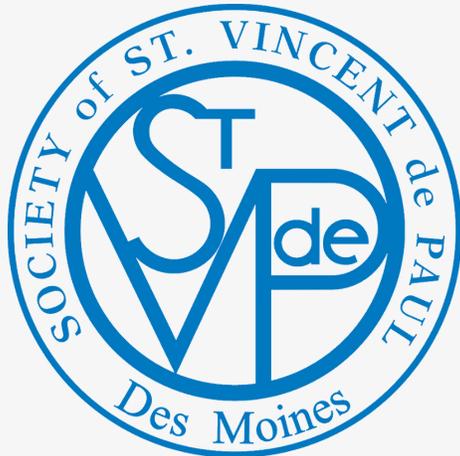
APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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A Warm Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul!

Please help us welcome Lisa Behrends, our new Director of Programs for St. Vincent de Paul of Des Moines.

Lisa comes to SVdP with 20 years of experience in management, staff development, and implementation of policy. She recently served as Associate Executive Director of the South Suburban YMCA of Greater Des Moines.



Her passion is community relations, program enhancement, and developing cause driven leaders while delivering critical results. She received a bachelor's in Leisure, Youth, and Human Services in 1993 and graduated with a master's in Biblical Studies in 2000. Lisa enjoys public speaking in schools, churches, businesses and is becoming a certified trainer for Dale Carnegie courses.

Lisa lives in West Des Moines and is excited to be part of the SVdP mission.

Follow Us On Social Media for Regular Updates!





Our Stores

Spring is here and it can be the perfect time for spring cleaning! Our staff has been working on the organization and cleanliness of our products in the store. We pride ourselves on adding new products to the floor daily. Our goal is to have customers enjoy the shopping experience and to make SVdP everyone's favorite place to shop regularly to find new great items they did not know they needed.

We want to say thank you shopping our stores and we hope to see more of your faces stopping by in the coming months. Stay tuned for other shopping specials and options. Our stores continue to provide a safe environment where we practice social distancing, and everyone is required to wear a face mask.

In addition, thank you for all your donations during these past several months, your contributions give us the opportunity to provide great items to sell in our stores that give back daily to our mission.

Women's and men's gently used clothing, electronics in working condition, damage free furniture, and damage free home décor are greatly needed. Our drop off donation hours are Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5 PM.

Vinny Rewards Program



Become a member of our Vinny Rewards Program, where you will accumulate points that you can cash in your future purchases!



Vinny's Tote Bag

Take advantage of sales and be environmentally friendly with our Vinny's Tote bag. Our reusable shopping tote provides special savings each week when used in our stores.

Since spring is in the air it is time to get out of the house. SVdP would love to see you in blue. Our blue volunteer t-shirt that is! There are many fun items needing your help to make it to our sales floor. Volunteers are a big part of our mission and we cannot do without them. If you just have a few hours a week anytime between 8 AM and 6 PM Monday through Saturday or 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday, we can use your help in our stores. Thank you to our current volunteers, it is greatly appreciated.

For questions regarding stores, volunteering or donations please reach out to Chad Caligiuri, Director of Retail Operations, at 515-282-8328 ext. 280 or dirretailops@svdpdsm.org

New At SVdP!



What day & time work for you?

AM	AM						
Sat Apr 24	Sun Apr 25	Mon Apr 26	Tue Apr 27	Wed Apr 28	Thu Apr 29	Fri Apr 30	
PM	PM						

St. Vincent de Paul has launched an online platform to schedule donation pickups! This online platform is a quick and easy way to schedule a donation pickup

By donating furniture, clothing, household and other miscellaneous items you are helping us achieve our mission to help those in need become self-sufficient through education, community connectedness, and unconditional support.

To schedule a donation pickup please visit <https://resupplyme.com/login>

The Thrift store site at 1426 6th Avenue now has an Instagram page! We have created this page to highlight inventory at the 6th Avenue store. Posts demonstrate DIY and upcycle ideas and highlight outfit and accessory ideas.

Follow us at:

<https://www.instagram.com/thrift.svdpdsm/>

Have you purchased something from SVdP?

Tag us in your social media posts using [#thriftdatsvdpsdm](#)



St. Vincent De Paul Des Moines now has a eBay page! Shop unique, high end items from the comfort of your own home. Inventory changes on a weekly basis!



SVdP is registered as non-profit on eBay, allowing sellers to donate part or all of their sales to the organization.

Shop items by following this link:

https://www.ebay.com/sch/svdpsdm/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_ipg=&_from=

Workforce Development



Back2Work has been a program at St. Vincent de Paul Des Moines for a little over two years. It has had great success partnering participants of the program with businesses who mainly need employees for the trades industries. There have been 8 cohorts of the Back2Work program that have occurred over the course of two years.

Ready2Work, which is for young adults aged 16-21, has also had great success at St. Vincent de Paul. R2W has had 4 cohorts, which occur mainly in the summer when youth are not in school, in the last two years.

Data compiled from previous cohorts, indicates participants' success in being hired and maintaining employment, at an increased wage, through the skills they received in the B2W program. The data shows a strong completion rate of the participants that enrolled into the class, as well as a majority of the participants maintaining employment for a period of time following the classroom portion of B2W.



Moving forward, due to the Pandemic and the new normal, Back2Work has changed directions and is making it possible to hold a cohort virtually. Through the use of Google Classroom and Ed Puzzle platforms, and new filming equipment received by a generous grant, B2W has filmed the entire curriculum and has put the class together so it can be accessed virtually.

The goal with B2W being virtual is the availability to safely instruct participants and connect them to an internship or direct hire that will match their career pathways. The flexibility given by the virtual platform can allow more individuals to have the opportunity to learn the components of Back2Work.

Food Pantry Updates



The reality of COVID-19 has led to many adjustments in our programming, including our food pantries. To ensure the safety of our staff and clients, we acted quickly to move to a contactless pickup system.

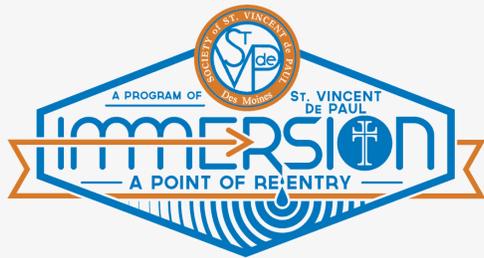
Clients call in to schedule appointment times, making pantry staff aware of any food preferences, allergies, or intolerances. Food is then placed in a designated area outside of the food pantry for clients to pick up at their scheduled time. Staff are also wearing face coverings, using gloves to handle food, and cleaning high touch points frequently. In addition, at times when COVID-19 numbers have spiked, we have sent volunteers home to ensure their safety until numbers come down.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have seen an increase in need. Many jobs were eliminated in the past year, leading to financial insecurity in the people we serve. In response, we lengthened our open hours to accommodate our clients. We also moved to a clothing voucher system, allowing individuals to get articles of clothing through the thrift stores rather than inside of our social services departments.



There are still clients who are being cautious and avoiding pantries because they or a loved one is in a high-risk group from COVID-19. Despite this, we continue to serve high volumes of individuals in need.

As staff are completing client intakes for the pantry, we are ensuring that other needs are met when identified. Our Back2Work and Immersion programs are available to food pantry clients in need of help overcoming barriers to reach self-sufficiency.



Making An Impact

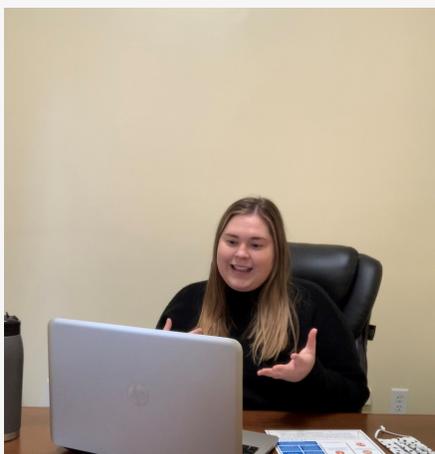
When we started our Immersion reentry program in 2018 we knew there was a need, but didn't realize how great it was.

COVID-19 had a great impact on those returning from incarceration. From the start of the pandemic we knew we had to continue to provide services, and let the community and those in need know we are still here and available to help.

Through community partnerships with the Department of Corrections, Bridges of Iowa, and the Polk County Sheriff's office, we have been able to maintain connections to this vulnerable population. We have continued virtually teaching Healthy Relationships curriculum in correctional facilities and to the general public. We also offer 72-hour transitional programming pre-release.

During this quarter we were able to provide services to over 140 clients. These services include mentoring, educational opportunities, and career assistance. Our mentors maintain contact with a number of clients to offer continuing support. Immersion has thrived thanks to our eight mentors who have stayed with us during the past year.

We are always looking for additional volunteers. If you're interested in becoming a mentor or more information Immersion please contact our staff at 515-282-8328 and press 5.



St. Vincent de Paul offers a Healthy Relationships course to both clients and their loved ones at Bridges of Iowa. Bridges of Iowa is a local organization who strives to help those involved with the criminal justice system become reintegrated into society after drug-related charges.

During programming St. Vincent de Paul staff discusses six pillars including goal setting, avoiding blame, listening, changing behaviors, conflicts and disagreements and apologies and forgiveness with the participants.

Giving clients and their loved ones the same communication tools can be extremely beneficial in the building of a healthy relationship. Incarceration and involvement in the criminal justice system can put a strain on relationships and the quality of communication in a relationship. The Healthy Relationships course builds a stronger connection between clients and their family members, while offering participants a safe space to verbalize their feelings.

Save The Date!



Mark your calendars now for the 2021 Fight Food Insecurity Golf Fundraiser.

Join us Friday, September 17, 2021 at Copper Creek Golf Club.

1 out of 10 Polk County Residents suffer from lack of food. All proceeds from this event will go towards keeping our healthy food pantries open to help ensure that nobody goes hungry.

To register, please visit:
<http://svdpdsm.org/news-events/chip-in-fore-charity-golf-fundraiser/>

Thank you for your continued support and helping us help others.

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Participation Level*

- o \$150 individual golfer
- o \$250 Tee Sign(s) Sponsor (2 for \$375)
- o \$1,000 PAR Sponsor (incl. golf for 4)
- o \$2,000 BIRDIE Sponsor (incl. golf for 8)
- o \$3,000 EAGLE Sponsor (incl. golf for 12)
- o \$500 COVID Response Sponsor (I can't play but want to help with food insecurity)



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF DES MOINES

Since being established in Des Moines in 1924, the main focus of St. Vincent de Paul's work is to assist those living in poverty become self-sufficient by removing barriers to success. The Des Moines Council operates two thrift stores, two social services departments, and an education center.

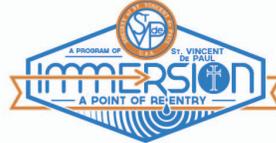


Nationally replicated in 10 sites across the SVdP network.



EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMMING

St. Vincent de Paul has developed a four-step curriculum to prepare and align people seeking employment in the trades with entry-level employment to employers who can provide access to pre-apprentice, apprentice and journey career pathways.



Nationally replicated in 8 sites across the SVdP network



RE-ENTRY PROGRAMMING

Immersion is a prisoner re-entry program that focuses on building people to think, act, and behave more positively and productively through a focus on healthy relationships, employability, financial capability, and stretching expectations.

Educational Programming

Facilities include a state-of-the-art classroom and comprehensive learning center

Detailed Service Offerings

- High School Equivalency degree preparation
- Assistance with job and apartment services
- Resume and cover letter creation or improvement
- Basic computer classes, in English
- Tutoring in reading or math
- Open lab time each week
- Instruction at State Correctional Facilities
- Financial Literacy
- Child watch service offered to students while they attend class
- Mentors provided as needed
- Healthy Relationships at Home and Work classes
- Prisoner re-entry partnership work with Bridges of Iowa

Social Services

SVdP Social Services assists people from all corners of our community and surrounding areas. We help all in need, including those who may not qualify for services from other agencies. All of our services are on a first-come, first-served process.

Assistance includes:

- Healthy Food Pantry
- Emergency assistance with rent, electric bills, and water services
- Personal care pantry
- Infant products
- Post-disaster assistance
- Free clothing pantry
- Furniture household item assistance
- Parenting assistance

Outcomes

OVER 85,000

customers accessing affordable goods in our store

OVER 32,000

individuals served with programming, continued education, food, clothing, and financial assistance

OVER \$1.5 million

of charity provided this fiscal year

OVER 120,000

Through the doors of SVdP

VOLUNTEERS

over 23,000

total hours

over 1,000

individuals

Will you join us in Ending Poverty Through Systemic Change?

Please donate your new or gently used clothing, household items, and furniture to serve people in need in the Greater Des Moines area at:

1426 6th Ave. | Hours: 9:00-6:00
Call us for local pickup at 515-282-8328 ext: 10

www.facebook.com/SVdPofDSM
www.svdpsdm.org

520 Army Post Road | Hours: 9:00-6:00

Volunteer, Shop, Donate