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**To the Parishioners of St. Charles, St. John, and St. Paul Parishes:
The St. Vincent de Paul 2010 Report**

Through your generosity we have been able to help many of those in need throughout Monroe County. The fifty or so lay volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul Society come from the three parishes of St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Apostle, and St. Paul Catholic Center as well as from other area churches, especially St. Thomas Lutheran Church. We are the hands that carry out your generous intentions.

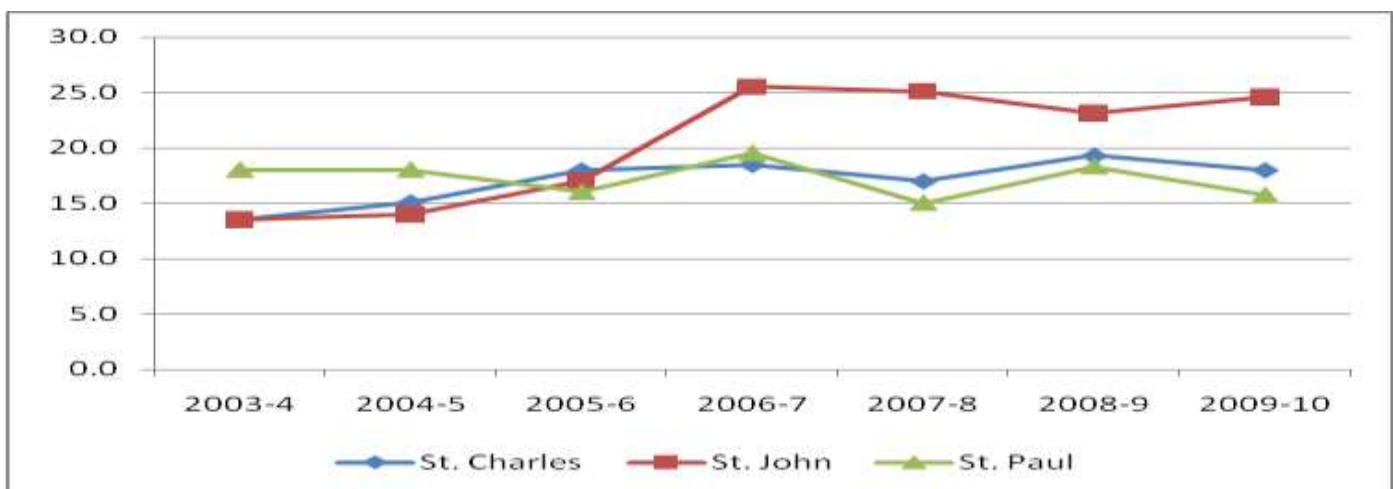
What is our role?

We visit people who ask for help with rent, utilities, and the like; we try to assess their situation and then offer whatever appropriate help we can—both material and spiritual. We collect donated furniture and distribute it to people who need it; and we do this without regard to religion, race, creed, color, or sexual orientation.

What are our resources?

Our gross income last year was \$86,900, with over 67 percent coming from the three local Catholic parishes. Additional sources of income came from the Indianapolis Council (\$12,000), other friends of St. Vincent de Paul (\$13,200), and local Bloomington groups (\$3,100), whose monies not only directly helped those in need, but helped maintain the Furniture Operations costs. Our furniture distribution relies on donations from furniture companies, motels, Indiana University, individuals, etc. Last year our volunteers made approximately 1000 pickups and collected and distributed over 4,300 items.

DONATIONS FROM THE THREE CATHOLIC PARISHES



How many people do we help and how much assistance is provided?

Last year we were able to grant 2430 requests for financial aid and 560 requests for furniture. Note chart below:

<u>Financial</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
Housing (rent, deposits, ...)	450	25,900	58
Utilities	540	26,900	50
Auto/Transportation (fuel, repairs, travel, bus tickets ...)	1,120	11,700	10
Other (medical, groceries, clothing, ...)	320	10,200	32
<u>Total</u>	2,430	\$74,700	\$31

<u>Furniture</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>
Includes furniture and appliances	560	4,300	\$200,000 +

Do we use your donations wisely?

Absolutely! We are an all-volunteer organization; we pay no salaries and take no reimbursements for many of the personal expenses we incur doing community work, such as driving expenses. We strive to see that the aid requested is truly needed and that the assistance offered will indeed be beneficial. Overall, we provided approximately \$275,000 of furniture and financial aid to clients, with an overhead expense of about \$12,600 (of which \$10,200 was for Furniture Warehouse Operations), less than 5% of the combined furniture and financial aid provided. Last October, we moved from the warehouse facility of 1,300 sq. feet to one of 4,400 sq. feet (same location), and can now accommodate 3 times more furniture and appliances.

Opportunities for you to share in our work:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides a blessed opportunity for those of you who want to share your time and talent to help those in need. Our volunteers do various things: take and refer phone calls; go in pairs to visit clients who seek financial and /or furniture help; pick up and deliver donated furniture; refer clients to other appropriate agencies; and use computer skills to help with our records. Some tasks are taken care of without ever leaving home. While we currently have more than 80 very active volunteers, the extent of our operations sometimes exhausts these people; we need more volunteers to share the responsibility! And of course, we always welcome your prayers and financial contributions.

Here is an opportunity to respond to the message of Jesus, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:40).

If you would like to participate in this work of serving those in need, please call us at **812-961-1510** or send us an email **info@bloomingtonsvdp.org**. We will reply promptly.

On behalf of all those helped by your generosity, we thank you and ask God's blessings upon you and yours.