



# The Society of St Vincent de Paul



Our Society was founded in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam a French lawyer, author, and professor in the Sorbonne. His vision for our Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) "is to embrace the world in a network of charity."

Our World Headquarters are in Paris, France and our US Headquarter are in St Louis MO. Our conference is part of a network of local Catholic Churches. In this area we are parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and we focus on the Daniel Island, Cainhoy and Huger communities. We also have conferences at the following Catholic Churches; St Benedict, Christ Our King, and Stella Maris.

We are true to our 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."

Our work involves women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service, through "Home Visits" where we listen to our clients closely determine what we can do to help and act accordingly. At our roots, we assist our neighbors with rent and utility payments to keep them from becoming homeless and to keep the lights on. Many times this involves the collaboration of other SVdP Conferences, we call this Twinning, and other Organizations such as East Cooper Community Outreach and their varied & generous resources offer an even better solution. From our years of working in this area we have begun other initiatives, "**Home Repair**" where a team of workers tackle the impossible task of fixing roofs, wheels chair ramps, water issues etc. Another initiative is **St Vincent de Paul Household Furniture**. We are located in Mt Pleasant at the ECCO building (Blue Doors) on Six Mile Road. Here we accept Gently used Furniture and Household items. We give it to those who are qualified by ECCO, the Red Cross & 30+ agencies. Our rule of thumb is: we only accept items that we would want in our homes. In 2017 we served 494 Families with FREE Furniture & the Household items that they told us they needed. This year to date we have served 304 Families. The key to our success is the generosity of our community at large. Without your caring for the neediest among us all would be lost. So **Thank You** for your gifts. This outward form of support drives our spiritual awareness that we all contribute to the answer to one of life's bigger questions.

For the Red Balloon sale, accept gently used Furniture and Household items. The items we don't accept are Gas Appliances, Curtains, Large Entertainment Centers. Consider our clients, most live in the homes & trailer their families provided, or subsidized housing so space, size of doorways all contribute to what we do not accept.