



MEDIA ALERT

St. Vincent de Paul's Ozanam Inn Rededication Event

LOUISVILLE, KY — July 1, 2019

On Thursday, July 11, at 9:30 am, St. Vincent de Paul Louisville will host a rededication event to commemorate the recent renovations to Ozanam Inn, our homeless men's shelter.

With the support of a grant from Metro Louisville Government and matching donations from Fifth Third Bank Foundation, the Gheens Foundation, and many generous individuals, we were able to update critical areas in this high-use facility. Renovations include the restrooms, counseling spaces, HVAC, security, fire alarms, LED lighting, and an emergency generator. We were also able to completely renovate the 20 individual rooms that are reserved for homeless veterans. These renovations will assure a clean, safe environment for the 90 men who seek shelter nightly.

In direct response to the street homelessness crisis, we've made great strides in reducing the barriers that many individuals face when choosing to seek shelter. Also, in response to best practices identified in a report published by the University of Louisville (Solving Street Homelessness; June 11, 2019,) SVDP is implementing trauma-informed best practice to better serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness. SVDP is building on the success of adding case management as a shelter service. On average 7-10 shelter guests are moving into permanent housing in any given month and over 50 have moved into housing since January 1, 2019

Attendees will have an opportunity to tour Ozanam Inn and see the renovations first hand, speak with case managers and other staff about the important work we do at St. Vincent de Paul, and learn about the work that lies ahead.

Ozanam Inn is located at 1034 S. Jackson St. The event will begin at 9:30 am and conclude around 11 am.

*St. Vincent de Paul Louisville partners with individuals and families in crisis and helps them navigate a path to stabilize their lives and reach their full potential. More information: **svdplou.org**.*

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