

# The Good Samaritan

## A Fresh Start Brings Program Manager Full Circle

Inspiration for the work we do at St. Vincent de Paul can be found in the many success stories of those that are able to turn the corner and find a new lease on life.

Angela Leavell is one of those stories.

After a short stint in prison stemming from drug and alcohol related charges, Angela found herself at St. Jude's Women's Recovery Center where she spent a year in the program and worked with her counselor, Debbie Slagle-Pike and her case manager Renée Bailey. Debbie is now Coordinator of Clinical Services and Renée is program manager at Roberts Hall.

After graduating from a culinary program, Angela began working part-time in the Open Hand Kitchen. Today, she is the program manager and spends her days planning menus, managing the kitchen staff, and coordinating food donations. "This work has given me the stability to provide for my 5-year



old daughter, Madison, and purchase my first home. Today, I celebrate 11 years of sobriety," Angela said.

In addition to a hot meal, Angela lends an ear to anyone that needs it. Angela said, "I have that passion to help. I don't judge anyone. We don't ask questions. You could be low on money or something came up and you don't have money to buy food. Sometimes they just want to have a conversation because they're having a bad day. They know about my story and you've got to have that trust."

Angela exemplifies everything we stand for here at St. Vincent de Paul. Feeding, clothing, and sheltering those in need and the support provided by our staff is important work. Equally important is the support we receive from donors and volunteers like you.

Top: Angela in the Open Hand Kitchen with food pantry volunteer Steve Hennessey.



Middle: Angela with daughter Madison

Bottom: Angela supervising a pick up from Dare to Care, our partner at the food pantry and Open Hand Kitchen.





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## Our Mission

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.

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## A Message from the Executive Director

What a special and blessed time it is as we celebrate the awe and wonder of Christmas. Because of **you**, St. Vincent de Paul can bring Comfort & Joy to all we touch—with food, shelter, support, and so much more.

If you would like to support St. Vincent de Paul with a year-end financial gift, please know that we would be immensely grateful. And, if you by chance have already made a donation, may God bless you for your compassionate generosity. Year-round, we serve and we feel honored and privileged to do so knowing that we are changing the odds for those who struggle with homelessness, hunger, mental illness, addiction, and lack of opportunity.

Donations can also always be made online at [svdplou.org/donate-now/](http://svdplou.org/donate-now/) or by reaching out to Angela Champion Sprowl, Director of Development, at (502) 301-8682.

On behalf of the families, individuals, and children we serve each day at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, please accept my deepest thanks for your ongoing friendship and generosity. It is because of you that we are able to help so many!

Sincerest Regards,

Ed Wnorowski, Executive Director | CEO

## Looking Sharp in New Chef Coats



The staff at the Open Hand Kitchen looks great in their new chef coats and t-shirts. From left, Chris Blake, Program Manager Angela Leavell, Teresa Sanders, Kitchen Manager Pam Bentley, Doug Neal, Michelle Washington



# Thanksgiving at the Open Hand Kitchen



Every year dozens of volunteers turn out to serve in the Open Hand Kitchen and donors stuff our freezers with turkeys and fill the tables with pies. This year was no different.

The meal is rounded out by the Open Hand Kitchen staff as they are up early preparing the dressing and sides.

Thank you to all that go the extra mile to make Thanksgiving such a special day at St. Vincent de Paul. You helped provide a meal and a day to remember to nearly 400 people!

Want to find out more about volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul? We have opportunities all year long. Contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or [dyoung@svdplou.org](mailto:dyoung@svdplou.org) to find out how you can get involved.

## 2019 Tour de Change Dates Announced



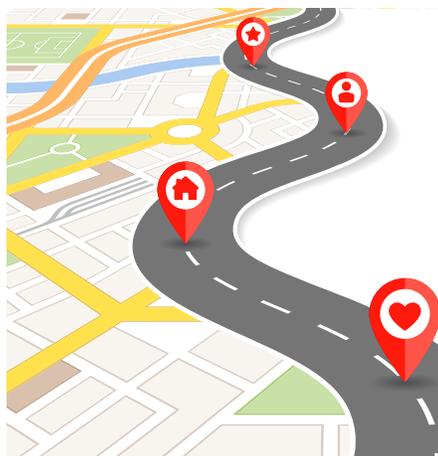
Join us for a coffee, pastries, and a brief tour of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's campus and learn more about our mission: Changing Lives.

Our next tour is scheduled for February 6 at 8 am. We'll meet in the Family Success Center, 1029 South Preston Street, and you'll hear from clients and staff about the impact of our work, as well as take a walking tour of campus.

To attend the next tour, please contact Jon Wysong at (502) 301-8695 or [jwysong@svdplou.org](mailto:jwysong@svdplou.org). We look forward to seeing you!

2019  
Tour de Change  
Dates

February 6  
May 8  
August 7  
October 9



## Do You Love to Drive?

We're looking for volunteer van drivers

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to drive our vans and take residents to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and other errands. This is a great opportunity to get to know our residents and provide them with something that many of us take for granted—reliable transportation.

Interested? Call Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or send an email to [dyoung@svdplou.org](mailto:dyoung@svdplou.org) for more information or to schedule a campus tour and meet our residents.

## Help SVDP While You Shop



Are you enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards program? If not, we hope you'll take the time to sign up and designate St. Vincent de Paul as your charity of choice. Once enrolled, your purchases start earning rewards for SVDP.

Check out the following link, and enter SVDP's organization number, which is 10789.

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We have four convenient locations. Please visit our website for information about hours, directions and donations.