

The Good Samaritan

Family Success Center Living Up to Its Name



FSC Report Card

This academic year, the Family Success Center is serving 41 children in an after-school setting. Of that number,

- 11 children have an IEP with JCPD (Individualized Educational Program),
- 15 children with learning differences,
- 10 children with ADHD,
- 7 with a documented learning disability,
- 4 children with behavioral disorders.

All children in the program have experienced homelessness.

In the five years since opening, the Family Success Center has been host to dental care clinics, a wrestling team, cooking classes, STEAM summer camps, hours of tutoring, and numerous other of programs and services. With a goal of providing educational and social development opportunities for at-risk children who have experienced extreme poverty and homelessness, the FSC has accomplished this and more.

Consider this success story, as told by a parent whose son attends the after-school program at the Family Success Center.

“Riley started at the SVDP Family Success Center after being with another after-school program for several months and struggling to get his homework done correctly and on time. As a working mother, I would get off at 5:30 and race to get him by 6:00 across town. No one was helping with his homework, so it was either not done or not done correctly. We would then get home, get dinner started, try to do homework, get baths and get in bed by 9:00. Honestly, I was exhausted. He was falling behind on his sight words and he really needed someone with more time to help him with his homework. He needed more individual attention.”

“After many a late night homework sessions that usually ended in tears (either his or mine) a neighbor suggested St. Vincent de Paul. It was just around the corner and they were open until 7, so no more speeding to pick him up! The icing on the cake was the professional staff who worked with the kids. I very quickly saw a change in him when I picked him up from this program. His tutor showed him the kindness and attention he needed and with our last report card he received the highest marks in sight words which he had been struggling with all year! His teacher has mentioned dyslexia earlier in the year. He needed that extra time and attention. As a mother, I knew he was capable!

“Had it not been for the blessing of this after-school program, I would still be scraping by trying to pay for program that was little more than a day care when my son needed real help with his education. I cannot thank the staff of St. Vincent de Paul enough for the kindness they show me and my child on a daily basis, the opportunities they have provided, and the love and compassion that is evident from every interaction I have had with them.”

Success stories like this are the reason we do what we do and a credit to the donors, volunteers and staff at St. Vincent de Paul. To volunteer at the Family Success Center, contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.



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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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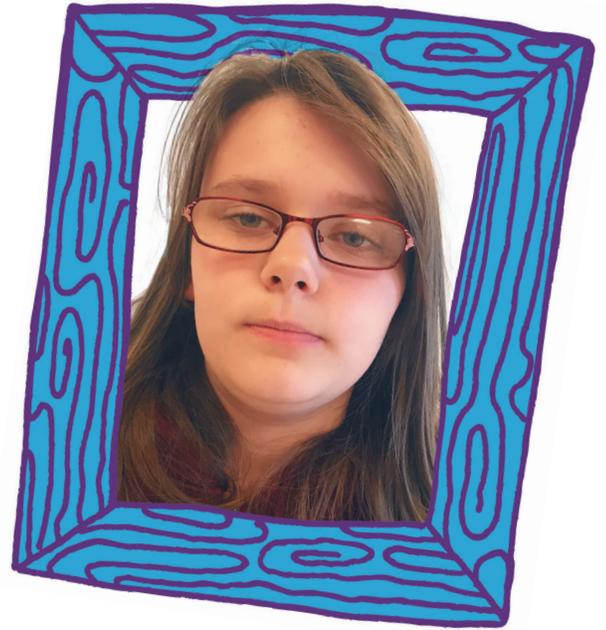
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Student of the Month



5th Grader Casey is our Student of the Month for January. She improved this last semester in two subjects by bringing them up two letter grades and kept her other subject grades consistent.

Media Center Opens in Family Success Center

In January, we opened a Media Center in the Family Success Center that provides computers and internet access to campus residents.

Residents will be able to create resumes, complete online applications for jobs and insurance, or just check email.

While the digital divide is closing, there are still gaps in availability of reliable computers and access to the internet.

The Media Center is in its early stages and still evolving. It's open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 am. Classes covering topics like resume design, privacy and security, and budgeting with spreadsheets may be offered.



community rewards

Are you enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards program? If not, take a moment to sign up and designate St. Vincent de Paul as your charity of choice. Once enrolled, your purchases start earning rewards that fund campus programs.

Visit kroger.com/communityrewards enter organization number 10789

Save the Dates! SVDP Fundraisers Announced

We are excited to announce a new women-focused fundraiser called *Roses & Rosé*. The event will be an upscale-casual brunch affair on Saturday, May 11, just a day before Mother's Day, and will be generously hosted by Neville Blake-more & Jessica Bird at Evermore. We are forming a committee and need women who will help us create an event that *they want* to attend. We will have a dynamic woman speak about her experience in leadership and community service. Sponsorships are available now.

Save the date for the 2019 Clubs & Cocktails, Presented by Fastline Media Group and The Underwriters Group. The auction and golf scramble are set for September 8 & 9. Please put those dates in your calendars now!

Please contact Abigail Costello at (502) 272-2134 or acostello@svdplou.org if you'd like to join the *Roses & Rosé* committee, become a sponsor, or find out more about getting involved.



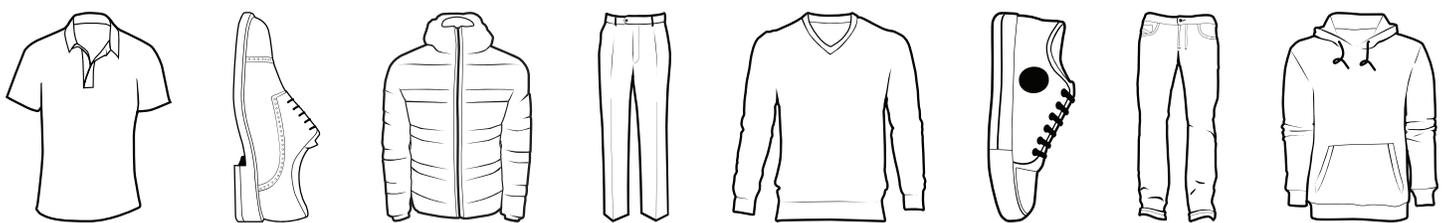
St. Vincent de Paul Board Chair Carleen Herde (left) and friends at the 2018 Clubs & Cocktails auction.



Your used vehicle, running or not, can help people in need. St. Vincent de Paul Louisville's Donated Vehicles Program provides a critical revenue stream to help support our many programs and services. We accept cars, trucks, RVs, boats, etc.

What happens to your donated vehicle? They are not given away to clients, but are sold "as is," at fair market value, either to the public or at auction.

Contact Wanda Selph to learn more about how you can earn a tax donation for your gift. She will handle all of the details, including the title paperwork. We strive to make the process as easy as possible for our donors. We even provide free towing for vehicles, if needed. Call or email Wanda at (502) 589-7837 and wselph@svdplou.org.



Clothes Closet Volunteers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul provides a clothes closet on campus to residents living at Ozanam Inn. The closet is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm. It is staffed by volunteers who help residents find needed items of clothing and shoes. Over 9000 items were given out to the residents on campus last year. We need your help.

The Clothes Closet is looking for individuals willing to donate some time every other Tuesday and every other Thursday. Two volunteers are needed. If interested, please contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688 or dyoung@svdplou.org.

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The following piece is from the February 2009 issue of *The Good Samaritan*.

We are happy to report that all the projects proposed were completed and have seen great success thanks to the support of donors, volunteers and the incredible staff at St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

On the Ground

By Ed Wnorowski

The times we live in present all of us with significant challenges, as well as opportunities. St. Vincent de Paul in Louisville has been presented with an abundance of both.

We are challenged—challenged to meet the needs of what seems to be an ever-growing segment of the population that is faced with either homelessness or that is lacking in the essentials of daily life.

And we have opportunities—opportunities to fill the needs of at least some of these individuals and families living without safe, affordable housing.

The opportunity that we are currently embracing has been in the planning for several years. It has taken countless hours of meetings and the collaborative efforts of our staff, board of directors, lawyers, bankers, architects, consultants, community leaders, local and federal government officials, and others in our community.

During the first half of 2009 we will break ground on four new buildings that will provide 54 additional homes on our campus. The designs of these structures are intended to meet the specific needs of several different groups of people within the homeless community. On the corner of Preston and St. Catherine streets will be a new, 24-unit single room occupancy (SRO) structure, very similar to Roberts Hall in serving women

with disabilities. Ten efficiency and one-bedroom apartments will be built on St. Catherine Street between St. Jude Women's Recovery Center and the new SRO units.

The remaining two buildings, with 20 two- and three-bedroom apartments, will be constructed on the corner of Kentucky and Jackson streets. The addition of these multiple bedroom

apartments will allow us to expand our service to larger families and will result in a significant increase in the number of children residing on our campus.

As always, our goal is to foster ultimate independence for these families and individuals. When combined with our existing shelters, these new residences will enable us to provide the most case-appropriate housing solutions in our ongoing mission to end homelessness.

Additionally, this campus expansion will provide for many new and challenging Volunteer and Support Opportunities.

We will keep you informed as construction progresses and these new homes become reality. Thank you for your continued support.



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