

Who We Are

Wherever there is poverty and people in need, you will find a Society of St. Vincent de Paul there to serve them. Founded in 1833 in Paris, France by Fredric Ozanam and his companions, and placed under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, the Society strives to help those who are suffering and in need. We are a person-to-person ministry and see the face of Christ in those we serve.

How We Serve

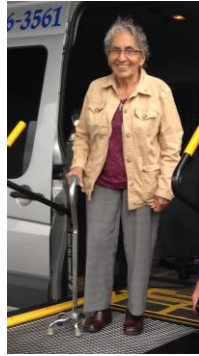
The District Council of Fort Wayne consists of 22 “conferences”, the basic units of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and typically established at a parish, representing 24 parishes in 7 Northeastern counties in Indiana, covering cities like Decatur, New Haven, Columbia City, Fort Wayne and many others. Several of our conferences operate food pantries providing assistance to qualified clients who struggle to pay their rent and utilities, much less put food on the table for their families.

The Society operates a Thrift Store in Fort Wayne. Clients can receive vouchers from a local conference, and redeem them at our store on items such as clothing, furniture, appliances, and household goods. This service is much appreciated by our clients, like Carla.

New to the area, Carla visited one of our local parish conferences for assistance. After determining her needs and eligibility, she left with a voucher for the Thrift Store which she redeemed for a couch, a table and a bed, as well as some clothing.

Our Care-Van service transports those with limited means, like Guadalupe, to and from their medical and rehabilitation appointments. St. Vincent de Paul transports Guadalupe to her residence three times a

week after her dialysis treatments. She is so grateful for our assistance, and Guadalupe is just one of the many clients we help every week.



Every year, St. Vincent de Paul's Care Van provides free transportation for over 1,500 people with limited means, like Guadalupe, for their medical and rehabilitation appointments.

Our Needs

The poor will be with us always. In addition to donations of clothing, furniture, household items, and even vehicles, financial assistance is our biggest need. We are funded primarily through generous monetary donations from our members, supplemented by conference dues, grants, and sales of donated vehicles and Thrift Store merchandise.

Driven by our vision and passion for the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, both now and forever, we established the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne Endowment Fund** within the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, permanently setting aside funds for the purpose of generating income for future needs. The principle monies can never be withdrawn from this endowment, and the investment income distributed every year to ensure a steady stream of financial assistance is always available to help those in need, even when we are gone.

How are Funds Distributed?

How You Can Help

One way this Endowment fund and the investment income can grow is through a gift or bequest to the Catholic Community Foundation designated for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne Endowment Fund**. All income generated by gifts made to our endowment fund is allocated to the District Council of Fort Wayne St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Ways To Give

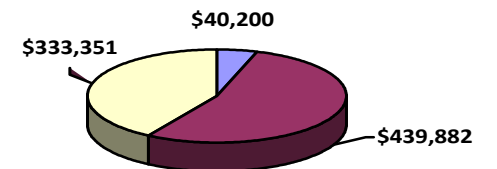
A donation can be made to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne Endowment Fund** in one or more of the following methods:

- Bequest in your will
- Cash Gift
- Beneficiary of an insurance policy
- Charitable Trust
- Annuity
- Real estate or stock
- Memorial gifts

We invite you to invest in our mission, and thank you for considering our request!

Help Us Help Others...

Your gift now will help us help others for generations to come. Last year, over 87,600 people were provided food, clothing, furniture, transportation, and financial assistance with utilities and rent.



- Value of Clothing Given - Thrift Store
- Bills Paid for Clients - All Conferences
- Value of Goods Distributed - All Conferences

*Insert Language for Bequests
such as:*

Unrestricted bequest: "I give to the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, Inc., PO Box 390, 915 South Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, the greater of \$_____ (dollars) or _____% (percent) of my estate to be held in, and administered pursuant to the guidelines of its endowment fund and to be used for the support and benefit of the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne Endowment Fund* in Fort Wayne in Indiana."

Residual Bequest: "I give (all) or _____% (percent) of the residue of my estate to the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, Inc., PO Box 390, 915 South Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, to be held in, and administered pursuant to the guidelines of its endowment fund, and to be used for the support and benefit of the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne Endowment Fund* in Fort Wayne in Indiana."

Please make St. Vincent de Paul Society aware of your intentions to include the endowment fund in your estate plans. We encourage you to consult with professionals in the planning of your estate such as an attorney or financial planner. These professionals will have the most updated information regarding the changing rules and regulations guided by federal, state and local laws in reference to estate planning. Thank you for your support, and may God bless you!



*"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity."
Blessed Fredric Ozanam*



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