

# ST ALBERT THE GREAT CONFERENCE

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Oct 01 -Dec 31, 2020



Vincenitian Volunteers strive to:

- See the face of Christ in everyone we serve
- Be the good news of Jesus Christ to each person served
- Let every person we serve see Jesus in each of us

### SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THOSE WE SERVE

As the first phases of the national vaccine effort begin to reach the arms of our most vulnerable neighbors, we continue to find many within our community that have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the generous contributions from many of you to our conference, we have been able to respond to the many calls we receive from neighbors requesting assistance with food, emergency shelter, and various financial issues in areas such as rent, utilities, and furniture. Throughout the year we have partnered with The Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP) to bring Montgomery County grant funds to bear on these bills when possible. Assistance often takes the form of a shared payment where we provide part of the funds needed to begin the process and then work closely with MVCAP to bring in external funds for the remaining costs. This cost sharing has enabled us to handle the significant bills that are surfacing at this time.

During a recent contact we met a family where the primary wage earner had been laid off due to a reduction in staff at his employer. The neighbor had a strong desire to find supplemental employment but needed help paying rent until he found employment or was able to get unemployment assistance. In the three months it took him to find employment, our conference paid the first month's rent while we helped him apply and ultimately receive the next two month's rent from MVCAP funds. Our ability to bridge the financial needs of neighbors is critical to keeping families and those greatly affected safe in this unprecedented time of need.

### CONFERENCE CORNER

You might be wondering how important your contribution to St. Vincent de Paul is to impacting the lives of our neighbors in need. The contributions provided by parishioners in the quarterly envelope collection as well as those from companies and other agencies are critical to our mission. YOU make all this possible **THANK YOU! Please consider donating via the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> collection or using the parish Weshare system for payment.**

Conference members volunteered 200 hours, answered over 100 calls, and made numerous home/other visits to assist 227 neighbors in need.

\* The total includes a very generous single gift of \$10,000.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Oct 01-Dec 31, 2020

Category	Expenditure	(Approx %)	Households
Utility Electric	682.00	(5)	5
Rents/Mortgages	5,116.00	(38)	13
Food	724.00	(05)	25
Water/Sanitary	1,287.00	(10)	4
Utility Gas	155.00	(1)	2
Thanksgiving Dinners	550.00	(4)	11
Misc./Other	519.00	(4)	1
Appliances/Furniture	485.00	(4)	5
Christmas Giving Tree	4,000.00	(29)	20
<b>2020 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,518.00</b>		<b>55</b>

Category	Income
Parish Donation	1,540.00
SVdP District Council Donation	2,489.00
From Individuals or Companies*	11,780.00
From Misc. Agencies	615.00

**2020 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Income \$16,424.00**