



# SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL OMAHA

Supporting our neighbors in need through spirituality, friendship and service; providing food, clothing, and financial and in-kind assistance since 1868



Dear <Name> ,



Food Pantry

During this Advent Season, I am reminded of a local university theology professor (now retired) who would ask his students this question, "Where was the star?" - that heavenly light which illuminated the three wise men's journey. Some students would respond by saying the star was "over Bethlehem." Others would speculate it was the North Star. After a few frustrating minutes of students throwing out their guesses, they would plead, "So, just where WAS the star?" **The professor would smile and quietly respond, "My friends, the star was in the crib."**



Outreach

In troubled times, how often do we look for God in the sky when God is right in front of us? In the Gospels, Jesus is unwavering in his instruction regarding being of service to the poor. Catholic teaching similarly reminds us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. Here at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Omaha, we are dedicated to feeding, clothing, keeping housed and caring for the poorest of our community when they have nowhere else to turn. As important, St. Vincent de Paul provides meaningful opportunities for volunteers to serve their neighbors in need with love and compassion.



Closet Door

**These photos reflect how we serve and provide hope and friendship to some of the poorest families and individuals in our Omaha community.** Our conferences and our Outreach program offer financial assistance to help prevent families from falling into homelessness; our neighbors come to our Pantries to help feed their families; to our Thrift Stores for great bargains on clothing, household goods, and furniture; to Holy Family Community Center for free lunches, free clothing at our Closet Door, and through the good graces of Hope of the Poor, free coffee, prayer, and friendship.



Sack Lunch Program

The services we provide are made possible because of generous financial support from caring members of our community, like you. Please know that your Advent gift will make a real and meaningful difference in the lives of many Omaha neighbors.



Thrift Stores

Please use the enclosed envelope and send your check today! You can also donate securely online at [SSVPOmaha.org](http://SSVPOmaha.org) or by scanning the QR code, below. In addition to helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Omaha provide these critical services to so many families in crisis this holiday season, your gift will also provide them hope for a brighter future. **On behalf of our Vincentians, our wonderful volunteers and our special neighbors - thank you and God bless you!**



Hope of the Poor Ministry

Serving in Hope,

Marty Smith, Executive Director

**P.S. Please send your gift soon and please be as generous as you're able - a lot of people are really counting on it. In our prayers, there is always gratitude for people like you, who are so wonderful to give to others.**



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, A SON IS GIVEN.

