



2021 LENTEN APPEAL

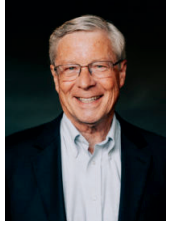
SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL OMAHA

RESPONDING TO NEED | SHARING IN HOPE

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Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever -Psalm 118:1

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARTY SMITH



St. Vincent de Paul recognized 400 years ago there was a lot of good will in the world, just not a lot of organization around that. The Society founded 200 years ago in his spirit embodies that desire to be an organized, effective instrument of hope.

Here are some ways our conferences, pantry and stores have been helping our neighbors.

Briana came to us in March. She is a victim of domestic violence and after her husband was sent to jail, she couldn't work due to the mental stress of the trial and the fact that she was 13 weeks pregnant. We helped her with beds for herself and her infant son, a couch, dressers, end tables, lamps etc to help her make a home. The domestic violence agency also helped with rent assistance that is ongoing. Lift up Sarpy gave her much needed clothes, diapers, and other needs for the baby.

Joseph was facing an imminent foreclosure on his apartment. He worked in the food service business at a small local cafe. It closed in July due to lack of business. He has been unable to find a permanent job since that time. He has been hired for a variety of "temp" positions. Unfortunately, the temp jobs did not pay enough for him to keep up with rent. His utilities are current, and he has a car payment that he has been able to pay. We were able to work with his landlord to prevent his eviction.

Donald lost his job due to Covid-19 in July. His wife was also furloughed soon thereafter. They have 4 sons aging from 4-12. At first, they were confident that they could find work since Donald had a college degree. Both he and his wife applied for jobs, willing to take anything to keep the bills paid. They also took advantage of our local pantry. As they were struggling to find work, they used up their savings trying not to go into debt. Initially, they reached out to us for help with their MUD bill, since all other bills such as OPPD, car insurance, cobra payments and food/ gas were current. We were able to pay MUD \$1,134.75 and stopped a shut off. This also made it possible to get onto a level payment which they could manage once they both became employed. We also were able to help with \$1,000 for back rent.

Thank you, all of you who support our mission to prevent homelessness and offer hope. Your wonderful generosity allows us to provide financial assistance and hope to many from across the city who are experiencing unimaginable stress and very real feelings of disconnection and hopelessness.

Marty Smith
Executive Director

A GROWING COMMUNITY

Our conferences have worked tirelessly this year to extend help to almost three times as many neighbors in need as last year, mainly with rent and utilities assistance. Through your contributions, coupled with a grant from the CARES Act, we have provided over \$1.5M in financial support in the last six month, allowing over 1,000 families to stay in their homes with heat and lights. We plan to stay in touch with these new friends, with your continued support, so they continue to have hope for the future. We truly are all in this together!



It is my honor to help SVdP assist our neighbors in need. Here is my gift and information.

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2020 was a traumatic year for me and as we approach Lent I ask the question,
"Why me?" Why did the Lord spare me? Why did he show me mercy?
 What is he asking me to do? For me, Lent distills the most important things
 he is asking me and all of us to do. Pray more, Fast more, Give More."

Kevin Engelkamp, Council President



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 12301 West Center Rd. In Westwood Plaza.



HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES

We continue to support the ministries of Holy Family with our Closet Door, Sandwich program and Street outreach. We are working hard to create a community center space where we can provide programming and gatherings for our conferences, our clients, and our partners.



DONATE TODAY

Please consider making a donation today as the need is so great now.

Thank you to all of our donors who have given continually this year to respond to this need. Your generosity has made a difference in the life of so many of our neighbors.

For any questions on giving, please contact:

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