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2022 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

## THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

is one of the best kept secrets in the world, by design. The Society is almost 200 years old and in over 120 countries. We have been in the US since 1845 and in Omaha since 1868, and yet very few people even know about us. We help people in need and keep our support confidential. Beyond helping people over a bump in their road, we strive to develop personal relationships that foster friendship, understanding, and hope. We do have a public face in Omaha that includes our five thrift stores, our main food pantry at 2101 Leavenworth, and our District Office at Holy Family Community Center.

**We hope you are glad to know us.**



### ONLINE SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

We will host an online 15-minute spiritual reflection each Tuesday in Lent.

**Starting: Tuesday, March 8 • 12:00 - 12:15pm**

To join go to: [www.svdpomaha.com](http://www.svdpomaha.com)

## LENT GIVES US A SPECIAL TIME TO FOCUS ON WHERE GOD IS WORKING IN EACH OF OUR LIVES.

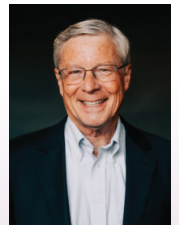
Pope Francis has said, *“The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.”*

To do that requires an open mind and heart. The Christian practice of opening our minds and hearts focuses on prayer, fasting (conversion), and almsgiving (sharing of our goods). Prayer helps us remember the context of our lives is far greater than we know; to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ. Fasting reminds us that we have some habits that constrict our openness; that our hope is inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit. Almsgiving reminds us that at an important level, we are our brother’s keeper; love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

**We are grateful for your prayers, your volunteering, your financial support. We are all so clearly not alone!**



Kevin Engelkamp  
President



Marty Smith  
Executive Director

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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a:  Recurring Monthly Gift  One-time Gift in the amount of:

\$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

My check, payable to Society of SVdP, is enclosed.

Charge my credit/debit card. Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A NEIGHBOR'S STORY...

This is just one example of the requests for help that we receive every day.

*Hello... I am currently living in a house that is infested with cockroaches & mold in the basement. I haven't called the city yet because I had nowhere to go. But I recently found a house and the landlord said I could move in if I give the deposit today, so I am going at 1pm to view the house and then leave the deposit. I've told the landlord at the house I live in now about the problem and nothing was done. It has gotten so bad that under my bed there is a nest, but I had no other choice but to stay until I found a house.*

*I have called many other resources to find a home and they said I had to be homeless in order for them to help and I could never put my kids in that situation. I will be leaving everything I have at this house. I will be having to start all over. I have 3 kids and 1 on the way so I have to figure out beds and furniture for them as I am moving out this weekend to go to the new house. Many of our clothes have gotten mold or cockroaches in them so I also can't take many clothes at all. I keep my diapers in my car as well as wipes just because I don't want those to get infested.*

Our newest neighbor and her husband and children are in their new house, with beds, a dresser, a dining room table and chairs, a sofa and a love seat thanks to your support. We are grateful for the referral from Catholic Charities who championed this young mother and to our Thrift Stores as well as our Food Pantry which had the items she needed. We are also grateful for the \$50 in gift cards from Heart Ministry Center's new laundromat we were able to provide. And we are grateful to you for your continued support.



*In the Spirit of its patron, St. Vincent de Paul, the Society strives to connect the disconnected to the people and resources they need.*

**Affordable goods with dignity • Voucher program for conferences, and partners • Disaster relief**

### STORE LOCATIONS:

**Northwest Store:**

5505 N. 90th St  
402-502-7837

**Downtown Store:**

2101 Leavenworth St  
402-341-1689

**Papillion Store:**

807 Tara Pl  
402-593-4055

**South Omaha Store:**

5037 S. 24th St  
402-733-3500

**West Center Store:**

12301 W Center Rd.  
402-933-8242

**TO SCHEDULE A DONATION PICK-UP CALL US AT 402-341-1688  
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT SVDPOMAHA.COM**

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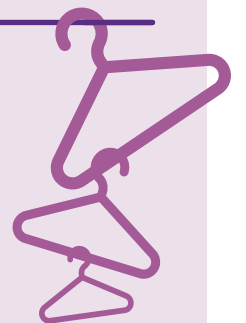
**Please consider making a donation today as the need is so great now.  
You can donate online at [svdpomaha.com](http://svdpomaha.com).**

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 lives of so many of our neighbors.

**For any questions on giving, please contact:**

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*Neighbors helping Neighbors since 1868*



My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I prefer to not have my gift acknowledged in the Society's newsletter or online

I would like to learn about:  Volunteering  Monthly Giving

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