



Council of Dallas
2005-2006
Annual Report

Mission Statement

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



Dear Friends of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,

This has been an exciting year for the Dallas Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Council

During 2006 the Council focused its energy towards becoming operationally efficient. With the support of the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management we performed several feasibility studies in the areas of IT, Marketing and Development and developed a strategic plan to enable us to maximize the potential of our limited human resources. As a result, the Council has been better able to animate and coordinate the work of the 32 parish based conferences and to expand the Special Works programs.

Parish Based Conferences

Our conferences are the heart and soul of our Vincentian mission. The central and most basic activity of a conference is the visitation of the needy in their homes. Last year we were privileged to make 4,532 home visits, an average of 87 per week, listening, offering advice and rendering assistance.

Agency Programs

The Council of Dallas has programs that employ professional and credentialed staff to assist clients with long term recovery and to create systemic change. This year we added an Associate Director, James Butler, to work with our Program Managers.

James (Jim) retired as Executive Director of the Dayton District Council where he ran **75 persons** for over 20 years.

Disaster Relief Services

As a Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters, St. Vincent de Paul continued in 2006 the hurricane relief services for Katrina and Rita evacuees in the greater Dallas area. This began in September 2005, the final month of our last fiscal year and which will continue until October 2007, if not longer. Moreover, the Council also provided assistance to other clients impacted by local apartment fires.

The Present

As the needs of evacuees shifted from basic living necessities to creating new lives for themselves, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA was selected to become part of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR's) \$66 million FEMA funded *Katrina Aid Today* initiative. St. Vincent de Paul's award was \$5 million, with a portion allocated for use in Dallas. This two-year case management grant draws on our core competency of face-to-face interaction that is supportive and empowering. We seek to help the evacuees become self-sufficient. Our task is to listen to the survivors, help them see their options, affirm the choices they make and, when necessary, help them access available resources.

We also expanded the **Oasis of Justice** program which works on restorative justice for ex-offenders

and our **Intensive Business Training** program which helps the unemployed or under employed with job training and placement utilizing computer applications for employment.

Today we continue to reach out to the needy by focusing on the needs of the poor, including evacuees, and by furthering our Special Works and parish-conference programs.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Disco-Shearer
Executive Director—Council of Dallas

Serving Those in Need...

Council and Conference History

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic lay organization that exists in more than 130 nations and is comprised of more than 900,000 men and women who daily help the poor throughout the world. Locally, the Society is organized under the Diocesan Council of Dallas, which is a member of the South Central Region of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of the United States. Local Councils are made up of volunteer parish groups called conferences, which are the core of the Society.

For over 50 years, the 32 parish-based member conferences of the Dallas Council have been serving the needy, the forgotten, the marginalized and the suffering of North Texas by providing emergency assistance. In order to respect the dignity of the clients, volunteers, called Vincentians, go in pairs and visit clients in their homes. This tradition began in Paris, France, in 1833 by our founder Frederic Ozanam and his companions.



... One at a Time



Volunteers & Contributions

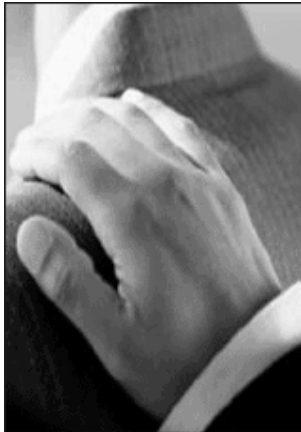
Each of the Society's programs utilizes volunteers, and the public is welcome to inquire about volunteer activities. St. Vincent de Paul screens all volunteers and requires a background check in order to protect the vulnerable elderly and children served by the Society.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions to the Society are tax deductible according to IRS regulations. The Society honors donor intent in all of its fund raising activities. All audited financial statements and IRS 990 Tax Returns are available for review by any donor who makes a written request.

To make a contribution, mail check or money order to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Dallas, 10500 Steppington, Suite 251, Dallas, TX, 75230, or log on to www.svdpdallas.org to make a contribution via credit card.

Programs...

Oasis of Justice



- Spiritual support/mentoring program
- Family counseling referrals
- Assistance to mainstream back into society
- Housing and employment information
- Job training and case management

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Intensive Business Training



- 8 week program
- Learn Basic Computer Skills
- Learn Workplace Technology
- Study Workplace Culture & Communication
- Focus on Financial Literacy
- Assistance for Job Referral & Job Placement

National Council on Aging



- Help identify available benefits for seniors
- Help apply for Medicaid and prescription assistance
- Help with other programs for limited income seniors

Financials...

Statement of Financial Position September 30, 2006

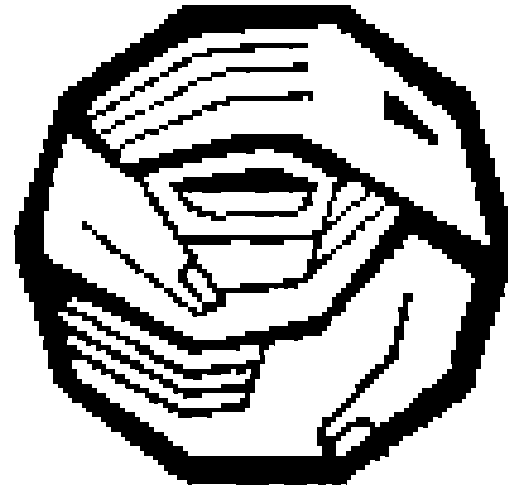
	Assets	
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 238,024
Property and Equipment		
Office equipment	\$8,065	
Furniture and fixtures	\$1,965	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(960)</u>	
Total property and equipment	<u>\$9,070</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$ 247,094</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 35	
Accrued payroll liabilities	<u>\$8,361</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>\$8,396</u>	
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$115,735	
Temporarily restricted	<u>\$122,963</u>	
Total net assets	<u>\$238,698</u>	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u>\$ 247,094</u>

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Total</u>	
Revenues, gains, and other support:				
Public contributions		\$ 161,835	\$ 64,189	\$ 226,024
Conference assessments		56,809	-	56,809
National SVDP grants	-		163,000	163,000
Other grant income		-	511,384	511,384
Donated materials and facilities		-	862,170	862,170
Interest income		1,699	-	1,699
Miscellaneous income	1,556		-	1,556
Net assets released from restriction	<u>1,487,543</u>		<u>(1,487,543)</u>	
Total revenue, gains, and other support		<u>1,709,442</u>	<u>113,200</u>	<u>1,822,642</u>
Expenses and losses				
Program Expenses				
Fill a Prescription		20,972	-	20,972
Immigrant Business Training		13,188	-	13,188
National Council on Aging		410	-	410
Oasis Prison Ministry	1,241		-	1,241
Disaster relief		1,192,056	-	1,192,056
UMCOR		<u>175,946</u>	-	<u>175,946</u>
Total program expenses		<u>1,403,813</u>	-	<u>1,403,813</u>
Supporting Services				
Fundraising		20,926	-	20,926
General and administrative		<u>231,683</u>	-	<u>231,683</u>
Total supporting services		<u>252,609</u>	-	<u>252,609</u>
Total expenses and losses		<u>1,656,422</u>	-	<u>1,656,422</u>
Change in net assets		53,020	113,200	166,220
Net Assets at beginning of the year	<u>62,715</u>		<u>9,763</u>	<u>72,478</u>
Net Assets at end of the year		<u>\$ 115,735</u>	<u>\$ 122,963</u>	<u>\$ 238,698</u>

Donors...

The Simmons Foundation
Catholic Charities USA
Dallas Women's Foundation
Saint Vincent de Paul USA
The Kenedy Foundation
The McCormick Foundation
The Catholic Foundation
Verizon
National Council on Aging Grant



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