

A close-up photograph of two hands being held. One hand is resting on the other, which is placed on a blue fabric surface. The hand being held has a colorful, multi-strand braided bracelet on the wrist. The background is blurred, showing a person in a plaid shirt.

# 2024

St. Vincent de Paul  
Indianapolis

## Annual Report

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Strengthening Our Community Through Service



# The Heart of Hope:

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Imagine a world where all individuals, no matter their circumstances, are embraced with dignity, compassion and hope. This is the world we strive to create every day as we work to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Supported by the unwavering commitment of our volunteers, donors and staff, we aim to uplift our neighbors and, in doing so, transform our communities.

As you read this report, I hope you'll commit—or recommit—to supporting the work of SVdP Indy. **We need your assistance now more than ever.**

— Paul Ainslie, SVdP Indy Council President





# 30th Street Food Pantry

Every day, we work to ensure that everyone has access to healthy food and other essential services—such as basic medical care, diapers and transportation—to help our neighbors move toward greater self-sufficiency and well-being.

30% of our budget	249,244 neighbors served
10M+ pounds of food distributed	380 homebound neighbors served weekly



## Volunteer Spotlight: Tom

When Tom was in his 40s, he realized the need for the next generation to take up the torch of service, so he began serving with SVdP Indy at the parish level. Now a retiree, Tom serves as a dedicated member of our meat processing team at the 30th Street Food Pantry.

*"Serving is very edifying. You get a lot out of seeing and hearing other people's stories."*



## Additional SVdP Indy Pantries

**Boulevard Place Food Pantry (Indianapolis)**  
Serves 370 households weekly,  
distributing 47,000 lbs. of food monthly

**Brown County Food Pantry (Nashville)**  
Serves 500+ households annually,  
distributing 22,000 lbs. of food monthly

**Love Your Neighbor Food Pantry (Indianapolis)**  
Serves 150+ households weekly

**St. Anthony Food Pantry (Clarksville)**  
Serves almost 4,000 households annually

**Annunciation Food Pantry (Brazil)**  
Serves 2,650 households with 8,836  
individuals annually

**St. Michael Food Pantry (Corydon)**  
Serves 2,700+ households annually



## Distribution Center: Where Generosity Meets Need

Our Distribution Center serves as a donation hub where we collect, sort and clean clothing, furniture and household items, preparing them for distribution to our neighbors in need.

**\$1.8M**

worth of distributed goods

**19,107**

neighbors served

**20%**

of our budget



### Conference Spotlight: Immaculate Heart

Immaculate Heart has been volunteering at SVdP Indy for over 50 years! As the home conference of President Paul Ainslie and Past President John Ryan, Immaculate Heart has maintained its long-standing commitment by continually inviting others to join their efforts. Volunteers spread out across multiple areas—meat processing team, Distribution Center, bike ministry, home delivery and more—as they find joy in serving others and being part of something greater than themselves.

*"We love the camaraderie we get with people in other parishes, and we love finding good junk. It's our happy place."*





## Mission 27: The Purchasing Power of Hope

Purchases at Mission 27 support SVdP Indy's food pantry and Changing Lives Forever program—that means every purchase helps fight hunger, promote self-sufficiency and break generational cycles of poverty.

**64%**

of free clothing

**\$746,000**

worth of items given out

**20%**

of our budget

## Love Your Neighbor Center: Rebuilding Lives One at a Time

The Love Your Neighbor Center provides housing, programming and services for unsheltered individuals—as well as resources for employment, permanent housing, public assistance and financial literacy.

**68%**

are employed

**74%**

are housed

**74%**

exited to a stable life



### Resident Spotlight: Kevin

Kevin worked hard all his life, yet despite his continued effort, he was only making it paycheck to paycheck. A car accident took away his transportation and ability to earn a living, leaving Kevin without a place to live. He felt his life was hopeless—until he came to SVdP Indy's Love Your Neighbor Center (LYNC). He credits LYNC with helping him get healthy, learn life skills and rebuild his life.



### Staff Spotlight: Connie

Connie was one of our first employees at Mission 27, hired two days before the first store opened in 2016. Connie was already familiar with SVdP Indy—she'd participated in



Changing Lives Forever, visited the 30th Street Food Pantry, and volunteered wherever help was needed—so working at one of our thrift stores seemed like the natural next step. Today, Connie is proud to be still working at Mission 27 in a jack-of-all-trades role where she runs the register, helps customers, stocks inventory and works the dock when needed.

*"Back then, I could not have imagined being where I am today," she says. "CLF turned my life around, and now I get to do work I enjoy in a fun environment that helps many people."*

## Changing Lives Forever: Unlocking Potential, Inspiring Possibilities

Through our Changing Lives Forever (CLF) program, participants develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their relationships with the world as they embrace opportunities to improve life skills, continue education, overcome obstacles and transform their lives in significant ways.

<b>667</b> CLF grads	<b>76</b> facilitators	<b>16</b> host sites	<b>4%</b> of our budget
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### CLF Graduate Spotlight: Sharon

*"I graduated from Ivy Tech Community College and received my licensure as a qualified medication aide! I enjoy the Graduate Workshop and plan to become trained to volunteer in this area. I want to further my education as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse. I also want to find a financial coach to help me obtain good credit, save money and purchase my first home."*



### Partner Spotlight: Empowering Second Chances

SVdP Indy formed a partnership with the Indiana Women's Prison in 2016 to introduce our Changing Lives Forever program to justice-involved individuals, equipping them for success upon release.

*"This class has made me feel better about getting out. I don't feel so lost on what to do or where to go for help to get where I want to go in the future."*



## Unsheltered Ministries

We strive to meet people wherever they are, without any preconditions, offering a continuum of services that, regardless of where an unsheltered neighbor is on their path, we can surround them with love and support.

<b>300-400</b> individuals served weekly	<b>12%</b> of our budget
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## Volunteers

Volunteers are the life force behind SVdP Indy. Everyone has something to offer—and these offerings bless us in countless ways, day after day.

**8,100+**  
volunteers

**328,866**  
volunteer hours

## Philanthropy

Your giving is literally transforming lives and uplifting our communities in profound ways. Every gift, regardless of size, fuels our mission and ensures that essential services and resources are available to those who need them most.

**\$5.4M**  
in charitable gifts

**\$2M**  
directly to conferences

**\$.87** of every donor dollar  
goes directly to services



### Corporate Partner Spotlight: Ascension

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital was founded by the Daughters of Charity—led by St. Vincent de Paul—in 1633 in Paris, France. Since then Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis, which was founded in 1881, has lived out the mission of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul works to serve this same community. By supporting the SVdP 30th Street Food Pantry, Mission 27, Changing Lives Forever and the Love Your Neighbor Center, Ascension St. Vincent and SVdP Indy both live out the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Volunteer Spotlight: Kate

Kate came to SVdP Indy to give herself something to focus on while caring for her sick husband. Six years later, Kate now co-leads our children's area at the Distribution Center, spreading her passion to the many volunteers she's recruited to help her. The substantial needs in our community make her a champion for our Neighbors Services program.

*"I've seen the need increase over time.  
The work is never done."*

### District Spotlight: S. Central Indiana District

Volunteers and donors in the South Central Indiana District have made a significant impact across our communities. In Brown County, volunteers helped a client transition home after a hospital stay by adapting her apartment, while a food drive in Nashville brought in over a thousand pounds of food and a \$600 donation. In North Vernon, volunteers provided items to a neighbor in need and supported a young woman experiencing homelessness by offering interview clothing. These acts remind us of the power of community and the difference we can make together. As one grateful neighbor expressed, *"You people are a real lifesaver."*



## Partners: Stronger Together

Christ taught that the body is made up of many parts—each with a unique role to play—and it is only when these parts work together that the body can function as a whole. Similarly, by partnering with other community groups, SVdP Indy can amplify our impact and address complex issues like hunger, homelessness and poverty.



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Thank you for your unwavering generosity and dedication. Your support, as volunteers and donors, has been the heartbeat of our mission. Because of you, we're able to provide essential services and hope to those in need. Together, we are building stronger communities—one neighbor at a time.