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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

JULY 1ST, 2024
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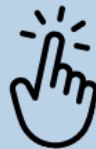
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IMPACT STORY

JULY 1ST, 2024

Underserved Communities
Initiative Grant



Providing **Hope** and **Support:** A *Young Mother's Journey Towards Stability*

A 27-year-old single mother of three toddlers has just begun her new employment as a pharmacy technician. She has not yet been paid but she anticipated receiving her income tax return allowing her to cover for some of her utilities expenses. Our Vincentians at **St. Thomas the Apostle** stepped in to lend a hand and guide our friend in need as she navigates through this new journey towards stability.

Despite her salary and benefits, she would still be about \$600 short each month. To help close this gap, our Vincentians contacted a local pregnancy assistance center for diapers and childcare products, reapplied to BVCAA for electric bill assistance, and referred her to local food pantries for groceries. During the Home Visit, our friend in need was provided with \$75 in toiletries and cleaning supplies from a Lenten Project by the CCE group at our parish and \$500 towards her \$578 electric bill using *UCP grant funds*. Vincentians then referred the 27 year old mother to the Getting Ahead program.

Submit your Underserved Communities Impact Story [HERE.](#)

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

Systemic Change Initiative

Vincentians! Let's keep our facilitators and investigators in our prayers as we prepare to begin our 7th Cohort on July 15th, 2024.



Learn about the Getting Ahead Program Graduates and the impact mentors and facilitators have had in their lives.

Read Impact Letter [HERE](#) from a past participant.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul News

Systemic Change: Increasing Impact through the Getting Ahead Program

In this Blog post, we discuss the Systemic Change Initiative, Getting Ahead Program, as a core component to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

3 min read



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**MEMBERSHIP
ENGAGEMENT**



FORMATION *WORKSHOPS*

CLICK HERE TO [REGISTER](#) FOR WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

GetFED Workshops - ONLINE WORKSHOP

Introduction to Membership Engagement

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH (7:00 pm- 7:45 pm)

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH (12:15 pm- 1:00 pm)

Workshops conducted via **Zoom**

Learn about support programs and opportunities available at the council level for Vincentians aiming to enhance their Conference development.

OZANAM ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH (8:30 AM- 2:00 PM)

St. Jerome Activity Center- 2749 Hollister Rd, Houston, TX 77080

This orientation offers an opportunity to renew your commitment to the core values of our Service Ministry. Vincentians will learn about the Society's scope, mission, and vision statements, as well as the significance and impact of its special works and essential elements.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church- 11720 Joan of Arc Dr, Houston, TX 77024

During this program we will explore the Church's rich history of Contemplative Prayer.

The transition from Verbal Prayer (speaking to God) to Contemplative Prayer (listening to God) provides the means of developing a more intimate relationship with God. As our love of God thus deepens, our love for others grows into service for our brothers and sisters.

We will explore the rich history of the many forms of Contemplative Prayer over the past two thousand years, and have the opportunity to experience one of those forms together in community.

*This workshop is encouraged for **ALL Vincentians**. It is not limited to only Spiritual Advisors.*

For any questions regarding our **V-FORM** system [Ask Ozanam.](#)

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO BECOME A VINCENTIAN



1. Complete [Online Application](#)
2. Complete [CMG Safe Guarding Environment](#) Training
3. Begin **Conference Stewardship**

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Café Catholica

July 8th

July 22nd

July 15th

July 29th

WE ARE
ADAPTING TO
A CHANGING
WORLD.



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2024 BLACK BAG COLLECTION

Donate today!



Mark your calendar and spread the word! **JULY 20-21, 2024.** Parishes across the Archdiocese will hold a special collection for the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

Unlike many of our local Catholic organizations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not receive DSF funding. Your generosity and those of your fellow parishioners will help us continue to serve our neighbors in need.

ADAPTING TO A CHANGING WORLD



At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we constantly strive for renewal, *adapting to changing world conditions.*

**“SEEKING TO BE
EVER AWARE OF
THE CHANGES
THAT OCCUR IN
HUMAN
SOCIETY...”**

We strive to remain vigilant about the emerging forms of poverty. To ensure we prioritize the needs of the most marginalized individuals and communities that surround us, Vincentians perform Home Visits. Our national SVdP President reminds us, "[All Home Visits are Encounters with those we serve, but not all encounters are Home Visits.](#)"

WE HAVE NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Share these resources with anyone who may be in need.



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