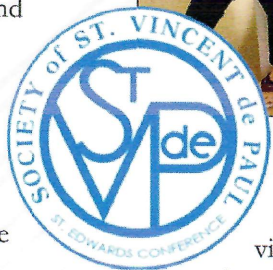


St. Vincent de Paul

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St. Vincent de Paul has served the poor internationally for over 180 years. Just in 2023 alone, St. Vincent de Paul was able to help 798 people, totaling \$80,000 in contributions and resources! The organization originated in Paris and was founded by Blessed Fredrick Ozanam, who saw a need to help the poor he saw all around him. St. Vincent de Paul is inspired by gospel values. We are affiliated with St. Edward's Parish, but we serve anyone in need, regardless of religion, race, gender, or political association. Today, with nearly 100,000 members, St. Vincent de Paul USA provides resources and training for members throughout 4,428 local Conferences and 500 Councils. The Twin Falls Conference has operated in South Central Idaho since the 1980s, and the Twin Falls St Vincent de Paul thrift store opened in 1986.

The store accepts contributions of household items, furniture, appliances, and clothing. Items must be clean and in good working condition. Volunteers—the backbone of the organization—along with store employees, sort, tag, and display the merchandise. St. Vincent de Paul's mission is to assist those in need and prevent homelessness in Twin Falls County. It is through the sale of these contributed



items that we provide this assistance. Individuals seeking help call the Social Services line and leave a message.

A volunteer takes these messages on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Appointments are set up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Clients meet with Social Services staff members, who determine eligibility and help assess needs. The Social Services Program provides financial assistance to clients who need help paying for housing and utilities; they may also receive vouchers to pay for gas, food, and transportation. Store vouchers may be used for

clothing, household items, and furniture. Arrangements are made for home visits to assist residents who are homebound.

Re-entry Program

The local organization has recently adopted a Re-entry Program designed to support recently incarcerated individuals. Many of these people have no family or friends to help support them as they assimilate back into the community. Without help, many of them fall back into the system they have just left. St. Vincent offers them the same kinds of help they give to others in need.

For more information, please visit stvincenttf.com.





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