

**FY 2020 (Nov. 1, 2019 - Oct. 31, 2020)**

**A report from Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul on how the generous contributions of parishioners were used to bring Christ's love to the poor in fiscal year 2020**

- \$ **52,420** for utilities payments to help 688 people in 248 families
- \$ **76,414** in housing assistance to help 508 people in 194 families
- \$ **34,538** (estimate) in donated pantry items for 1,852 people in 671 families who received food bags throughout the year
- \$ **339** for auto repairs benefitting 3 people
- \$ **1,255** for transportation benefitting 6 people
- \$ **5,152** in medical, dental, doctor visits and prescriptions for 13 people
- \$ **867** donated for 80 Thanksgiving turkeys
- \$ **1,600** Aldi's gift cards for 80 families for Thanksgiving
- \$ **1,523** for hams and perishables for Christmas baskets for 79 families
- \$ **524** for **groceries** to cook breakfasts for the homeless
- \$ **415** for other homeless outreach
- \$ **2,642** for mattresses
- \$ **2,948** for purchased appliances/furniture
- \$ **1,000** for disaster relief
- \$ **5,000** for domestic twinning
- \$ **550** for misc. assistance for 14 people

And all the **presents and filled stocking** to make Christmas really special for 201 children in 79 families, Dec. 2019.

Covid 19 has certainly impacted, but not stopped, the activities of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The first 5 months of the fiscal year, which included Thanksgiving and Christmas 2019 activities were pre-Covid. In April, in-person meetings were stopped. This included most home visits although furniture deliveries involved going into the homes. Typically we visited with our neighbors-in-need by phone, and we continued to deliver food and give rent and utilities aid through contactless means. Although the day group was not meeting, members continued to take care of the pantry and prepare food bags for the office to give out, as well as man the phone line. The evening group began meeting virtually. For several months preparing food for the homeless through First Stop was halted as First Stop began all contactless distribution of packaged food. Cooking a hot breakfast for the homeless was resumed, but First Stop now distributes the food we prepare. Vincentians logged 888 hours tutoring 130 students at Holy Spirit School before tutoring was suspended due to Covid.

Holy Spirit Vincentians made 456 home visits, 61 hospital visits, and 1547 telephone visits in FY 2020. We drove over 9,700 miles as we used contributions to help alleviate the suffering of the deprived. We logged over 2,344 hours of service.

Again, we thank all of those who donated food, funds, and material goods which enabled the works of mercy given to our neighbors in need.