

## THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONERS

### St. Vincent de Paul 2022 Annual Report

Your generous contributions were used to bring Christ's love to the poor!

#### IN 2022 YOU PROVIDED:

\$ 62,641 for utilities payments for 139 families

\$ 83,127 in housing assistance for 186 families

\$ 1,643 for temporary shelter (motel) for 4 families

\$ 24,507 (estimate) in donated pantry items distributed to 367 families

\$ 1,944 purchased refrigerated pantry items

\$ 1,770 in groceries to prepare 960 hot breakfasts for the homeless

\$ 4,120 in medical, dental, doctor visits and prescriptions

\$ 3,205 for purchased appliances/furniture, beds, bedding, household goods

\$ 1,677 car repair, bus tickets/transportation

\$ 1,000 Thanksgiving turkeys for 75 families

\$ 4,000 grocery gift cards for 75 families, people Thanksgiving

\$ 4,000 grocery gift cards for 75 families, Christmas

\$ 376 books about Christmas (Jesus) for 158 children and teens

\$ 2,877 miscellaneous needs for 7 families

**\$140,219 TOTAL** cash contributions plus pantry items, Christmas gifts and stockings

The above financials are important, but they tell only a part of what the Society does. Vincentians recognize that both the poor and the well off share needs other than "things." Everyone needs to know that others care. All need to be treated with respect and kindness. The home visit is one of the things that distinguish our Society from other charitable organizations. When we visit the poor who have asked for our help, we always go in pairs to offer our friendship. We pray for the people we visit, and with them if they are open to that. On a recent home visit, the newly widowed woman needed someone she could talk to and share her feelings with almost as much as she needed help with her \$195 utility bill. The Vincentians listened to her with patience and empathy. They told her about grief support groups.. Her utilities were shut off right after the Vincentians left, but a call to Huntsville Utilities from the Vincentian got the electricity immediately turned back on with no re-service charge.

Many times we have acted as advocates for the people we visit, arranging for reduced Hospital or other payments made over time so they can handle it.

Besides visiting those who need financial help, Vincentians also visit homebound, hospitalized, or lonely people. In 2022 Vincentians made 443 house visits, 69 hospital visits, and 36 sacramental visits, giving simply the gift of their time.

Vincentians serve in many different ways as they choose. You can read more about what we do online at the Holy Spirit Church website, under the Community Outreach tab. Thank you for making our works of mercy possible.

