

# PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

A **Helping Hand** in a **Moment of Great Need** Can **Impact a Lifetime**

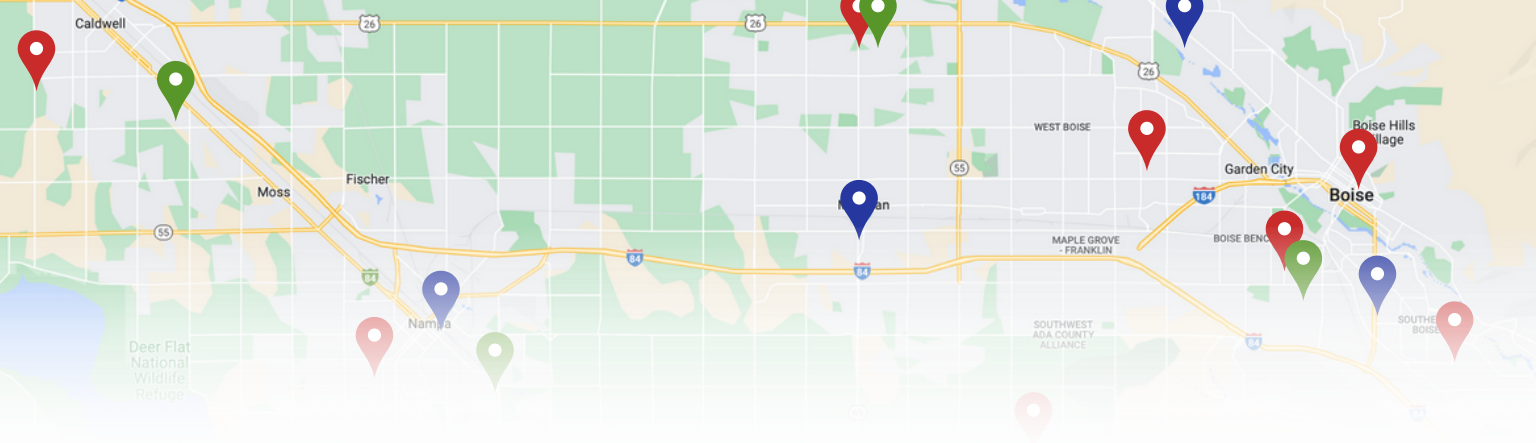
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St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho

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As St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho strives to make a lasting impact on the Treasure Valley community, our influence and presence are continually expanding. With the commitment of 11 dedicated conferences (local working groups) and the unwavering support of our volunteer community, our outreach extends to a diverse range of individuals and families in need. This includes operating and maintaining five essential food pantries and six thrift stores, which serve as lifelines for numerous residents facing various hardships. In our ongoing efforts, we have established two reentry services offices, offering critical assistance to individuals navigating the challenging journey of reintegrating into society after incarceration.

Our impact extends across crucial regions within the community, including Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, and Mountain Home. This extensive coverage ensures that your contributions generate a profound and far-reaching impact, significantly enhancing the lives of our local neighbors throughout the Treasure Valley. Your support allows St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho to fulfill our mission of preventing homelessness, creating a more self-sufficient and resilient community for all we are privileged to serve.

# OUR REACH

  
SVdP Conferences

  
SVdP Food Pantries

  
SVdP Thrift Stores

Deciding whether to pay your rent or buy groceries for your family is a position all too familiar. We focus on meeting basic human needs with an open heart, on a person-to-person basis.

Through our network of volunteers and supporters, we provide food, clothing, and direct financial assistance to those in need, as well as aid to our neighbors as they reenter the community after serving time incarcerated.

**59%**

OF AMERICANS ARE **ONE MISSED PAYCHECK AWAY**  
FROM **EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FIRST HAND**

**At St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho:**  
**We are a network of friends, inspired by gospel values, working to prevent homelessness by providing fundamental human needs and help to our neighbors.**

# OUR MISSION





## Meet Alma

*"I have three kids who were in foster care since I didn't have a place to live. I am also caring for my dad, who has dementia. It has been rough. St. Vincent de Paul and the **Home Visit Program** helped me pay the deposit for my apartment. Having a place to live meant getting extended visits with my kids, and that meant more to me than anything. SVdP also helped with furniture and beds for my kids. Now I am working to get them back with me full time, something that seemed so far out of reach not that long ago. I am so thankful that SVdP was there when I needed help."*



# HOME VISITS

At St. Vincent de Paul, we specialize in providing personalized assistance through our Home Visits. We prioritize helping individuals and families maintain stable housing situations. Through our personal approach, our Home Visitors gain a unique perspective that enables them to offer additional assistance that may be needed, like food or clothing and furniture vouchers.

Our primary focus is on preventing homelessness by providing direct assistance, including help with utility bills and rent when eviction is imminent. When individuals or families in need reach out to us through our Help Line, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers visit them in their homes to determine how we can best assist them.

**11,392** NEIGHBORS HELPED THROUGH HOME VISITS

**\$767,387** PROVIDED IN DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

*"In my role as a home visitor, I engage with individuals on a personal level to identify how I can assist them during times of hardship. Through the aid of SVdP, we can provide timely assistance for a range of pressing needs such as rent, utilities, car repairs, and thrift store vouchers, to name a few. Since every home visit is unique, we have the opportunity to provide genuine and effective support that truly makes a difference."*

*-SVdP Home Visitor*

A hand is holding a white plastic bag. The bag has a blue circular logo with a stylized 'S' and 'V' inside. The text 'SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL' is visible around the logo. Above the logo, it says 'Thank you for your support'.

## Meet Carl

*"Thank you for helping me get through some rough times. Once a month I come to the Food Pantry. The food I receive helps to make my money go further. Recently I have found myself in some financial difficulties. I called the St. Vincent de Paul Help Line to see if there was any help available. A volunteer called back and we set up a Home Visit.*

*During the visit, I received a **Thrift Store** clothing voucher and was able to get a warm winter coat, a belt, a bathrobe, and some shirts. I just wanted to express my gratitude and thank all of the people who helped me.*

*God Bless."*

A woman with short grey hair and glasses is seen from the side, working at a clothing rack in a thrift store. She is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The rack is filled with various items of clothing, including a colorful patterned sweater. The background shows more clothing racks and the interior of the store.

# THRIFT STORES

When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho Thrift Stores, you are doing much more than simply being generous. Our thrift store items have their unique stories, just like our employees whom we proudly provide with second chances. By donating a bicycle, for instance, you can help a neighbor in need with transportation to and from work, assisting them in getting back on their feet.

Our goal is to provide high-quality clothing and household goods affordable to everyone in the community, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to sort donations and keep the store stocked. With every donation you give or purchase you make at our thrift stores, you are directly contributing to the funding of St. Vincent de Paul programs that support our mission.

**4,905** CLOTHING AND FURNITURE VOUCHERS  
REDEEMED AT SVDP THRIFT STORES

**\$155,681** WORTH OF CLOTHING PROVIDED TO NEIGHBORS  
IN NEED THROUGH SVDP VOUCHERS



## *Meet Ashley, Robert, & Bobby Jr.*

*"We were only eating once or twice a week, but we always made sure our baby had WIC. I called St. Vincent de Paul and said, "I can't drive. I'm legally blind in one eye and can't make it to the **Food Pantry**. Is there anyway you can bring some food to the hotel we are living in? I have a one-month old, and my husband was at work... we're in desperate need right now." Later that day, they let me know that they could bring food to me at 12:30 pm. We have the bare necessities, so the food and the SVdP clothing and furniture vouchers really saved our family. We are so thankful."*

# FOOD PANTRIES

**1 in 8**

**IDAHOANS FACE FOOD INSECURITY.  
10.5% OF CHILDREN IN IDAHO DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FOOD**

For many families, their grocery budget is often stretched to its limit to make ends meet. At St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries, we make it our mission to address this basic human need with empathy and personal attention. Our commitment to sustainability is reflected in our partnership with multiple community organizations, enabling us to provide our neighbors with fresh and nutritious food consistently.

Our food pantries are located in densely populated regions of the Treasure Valley, including Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, and Mountain Home. Our devoted volunteers sort and distribute the food items to ensure that individuals and families in need receive the necessary assistance.

**2,145,229** **POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED  
BY SVdP FOOD PANTRIES**

**114,187** **NEIGHBORS IN NEED RECEIVED FOOD AND  
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THROUGH SVdP FOOD PANTRIES**





## Meet Luther

*"I can't say enough about the St. Vincent de Paul **Reentry Services Program**. They try to make it a little easier for people to reenter society and feel good about themselves. I've spent 16 out of the last 22 years incarcerated. Coming out of incarceration and into the real world is nerve-racking. SVDP's Reentry Program gives vouchers for food and clothing.*

*I got connected to the staff here, so now I can volunteer every day and give back to the community I've been part of for so long. And, for me, that's a good thing. I get to be a part of helping people coming out see the resources available to them. We have the resources and the desire to help. With all my vigor, I applaud the St. Vincent de Paul Reentry Program!"*

# REENTRY SERVICES

St. Vincent de Paul's Reentry Services provide vital support to individuals who are transitioning back into society after being incarcerated. With a deep understanding of the challenges that come with reentry, our dedicated volunteers and staff members, many of whom have personal experience with incarceration, offer a unique and compassionate approach to supporting those in need. Our services include pick up from prison upon release, first day out services such as food, clothing vouchers, and bus passes.

**1 in 12**



**CHILDREN IN IDAHO HAVE A PARENT  
CURRENTLY OR PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED**

## **60% OF RETURNING CITIZENS STRUGGLE FINDING EMPLOYMENT**

SVdP Reentry Career Development Program works with the Idaho Department of Correction to provide support and resources for successful reentry. Our goal is to bridge the gap between incarceration and employment, and help individuals overcome barriers to lead fulfilling lives.

**855 IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION RESIDENTS & RETURNING  
CITIZENS SOUGHT OUT SVdP CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**1,068 RETURNING CITIZENS RECEIVED SUPPORT THROUGH  
SVdP REENTRY SERVICES**



A woman wearing a green beanie and a grey jacket is packing a Thanksgiving food box. The box contains a turkey, potatoes, a roasting pan, and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving meal. Other volunteers are visible in the background, also packing food boxes.

# THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM

The Thanksgiving Food Box Program, a long-standing St. Vincent de Paul tradition, embodies the heartwarming spirit of helping families in our community experiencing financial challenges enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. This family-to-family act of charity is about neighbors extending a helping hand to one another. This program remains a beacon of hope for all who partake in the Thanksgiving Food Box Program.

Every year, as Thanksgiving approaches, families in need can register to receive a Thanksgiving Food Box. Each box contains a turkey, potatoes, a roasting pan, and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving meal, serving 4-6 people. SVdP volunteers collect, assemble, and distribute these food boxes to our community members on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, ensuring that those in need can partake in the holiday's warmth and togetherness.

**\$70**

**COST OF PROVIDING A THANKSGIVING  
FOOD BOX TO A FAMILY IN NEED**

**13,300**

**NEIGHBORS ARE FED THROUGH THE  
THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM**

# CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

Each year, St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho opens the Christmas Toy Store to families in need who cannot afford to purchase Christmas Gifts for their children. In partnership with local school counselors in Ada and Canyon County, we provide gifts at no out-of-pocket cost to families with children ages 0-18 to shop at our Christmas Toy Store. Our volunteers pre-register each family over the phone. During registration, volunteers help parents/guardians schedule an appointment to visit the nearest Toy Store locations and personally select gifts for their children in the weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday.

**SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY FROM MOUNTAIN HOME TO ONTARIO!**  
IN ADDITION TO ADA COUNTY AND CANYON COUNTY, SVDP HOSTS  
POP-UP CHRISTMAS TOY STORE LOCATIONS TO SERVE FAMILIES IN  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO AND ONTARIO, OREGON.

**1,668** FAMILIES REGISTER TO SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS  
GIFTS AT THE SVdP CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

**5,615** CHILDREN RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM  
THE SVdP CHRISTMAS TOY STORE





**TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO**

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