



## SVdP 2021 ANNUAL YEAR END APPEAL

Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul Society,

This past year has proven to be another year of limitations, with a long list of things we can still not do because of COVID-19. And yet requests for daily meals, food boxes, beds, furniture, utility assistance and emergency housing are increasing in our area as quickly as positive virus cases. But there is something **you can do** - join us as we continue our calling to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

Our 2021 Year End Appeal underscores the pervasive needs of many area residents now on the brink of despair - but there is so much reason for hope:

- The SVdP Niles Road **Dining Hall** prepares and serves **370+ homecooked meals daily**. This year, so far, we have provided nearly 70,000 hot, home-cooked meals to those facing food insecurity in Trumbull County.
- Our **5 county-wide food pantry** sites provide boxes of grocery staples on a weekly basis to **hundreds of families** in need.
- We collaborate with dozens of area agencies through our SVdP Furniture Bank to provide **free/low-cost furniture, appliances and factory-fresh mattresses** to families who have no resources to purchase these necessities; SVdP has provided more than \$43,000 in voucher assistance already this year.
- Emergency **housing, rent/mortgage and utility assistance** vouchers are provided to ensure that not one more person or family becomes homeless or sleeps without heat and electricity.

Since 1930, SVdP has quietly assisted residents of Trumbull County facing situational poverty; giving them the tools to stabilize and become self-sufficient with dignity and respect. The programs above are just a sampling of the assistance we bring to the most vulnerable in our community.

This unprecedented year should give us all pause to reflect on our blessings. Your gift to the 2021 SVdP Annual Appeal – no matter how large or small – will definitely impact the lives of local residents in need; and quite possibly yours as well.

Join us in our quest to end poverty with a gift to the SVdP 2021 Year End Appeal; something so meaningful that **you can still do!**

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much – Helen Keller*

Lou Lepro | President

Darlene S. Jones | Executive Director

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Trumbull County, Inc.

P.S. Every dollar donated remains in Trumbull county, is fully tax deductible and provides direct aid to those neighbors most at-risk in our community.

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