



**DONATE NOW**

**Dear CEO,**

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy during these challenging days.

The last week has been especially challenging here at St. Vincent de Paul.

On Thursday, March 19th, we closed all seven Thrift Stores out of concern for the safety and well-being of staff



and neighbors. This resulted in a significant number of hardworking employees losing their jobs. While SVDP is able to temporarily support them through this transition, many of them will face very uncertain times in the weeks ahead. Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

The Stores closing also means that there will be no Store profits, which help fund St. Vincent de Paul's emergency assistance programs and no vouchers to provide free clothing, furniture, or beds to those in need.



Concurrently, our neighbors' needs are even greater because of the rippling effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Already this week, St. Vincent de Paul has been able to provide food, prescription medication, and rental assistance to people who have recently lost jobs because of the pandemic.

This is only the beginning, and SVDP will serve many more neighbors in the weeks to come.

**However, despite all this uncertainty, I am still filled with hope.**

St. Vincent de Paul remains open in a modified way and is committed to helping neighbors in need meet their needs during and after the pandemic.

Throughout the past week, I have had dozens of people reach out with the same question: "How can I help?" Here are three ways you can help neighbors in need today:

- **[Make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul:](#)** Your contribution will directly fund continued work to provide food, medicine, and rental assistance to those impacted by the pandemic. With the closing of our Thrift Stores, unrestricted support is severely limited.
- **[Send items from our Amazon Wish List:](#)** St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry is in desperate need of certain items. You can buy items from this Wish List and send them directly to our Outreach Center.
- **Spring Cleaning:** St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores are closed right now, but when they reopen, they will need your in-kind donations. Consider cleaning out your basements, garages and closets now and having the items ready to donate when the Stores reopen.

If you have questions about these opportunities or have other ideas of how to help, please contact Claire Luby, Director of Development, at 513-562-8859 or [cluby@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:cluby@svdpcincinnati.org).

Thank you for your prayers, kind words, and generosity. You help ensure neighbors facing crisis and uncertainty at this difficult time can continue to find the assistance they need through St. Vincent de Paul.

In This Together,



Mike Dunn  
Executive Director

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PS: To follow the latest on how we are responding to the rapidly changing needs created by the Coronavirus, please check the [Coronavirus update page on our website](#).

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