



Throughout the Bible, Jesus would perform miracles to meet immediate needs. When Jesus fed the multitudes with loaves and fishes, it was in reaction to an immediate need. When Jesus healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, or cleansed a leper, it was at the request of an immediate need. Jesus' miracles were often in response to helping people in their most desperate time of need.

While the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not perform miracles in the same way Jesus did, <u>every day Vincentians are changing lives</u> by practicing Jesus' calling to help those in need. Every time a Vincentian is able to provide clothing, housing, food, or some kind of emergency aid to families and individuals in need, they are practicing the calling of Christ to <u>love your neighbor.</u>

One way Vincentians are able to provide clothing, housing, food, and more to those living in poverty, is through <u>a national grant program</u> offered by the U.S. National Council – Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

In 2017, the National Council provided over \$400,000 in grants to meet these emergency needs. These grants are made possible by donors like you. Will you please consider giving today, to support the Friends of the Poor® Grants? These funds will be used by our parish-based Conferences to feed the hungry, put a roof over the heads of homeless, and provide clothes to those less fortunate. Your donation will change the lives of people living in poverty.

Requests for the Friends of the Poor® Grants are constantly growing, as more Conferences are needing these funds than ever before. When you donate, you are helping Vincentians everywhere bring the love of Christ to those less fortunate. Each time a Vincentian helps a neighbor in need, a different, but special, kind of miracle occurs – the love of Christ is being shared with those in most desperate need.



Please help with this urgent need.













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