Summer 2018

## The Port Helps a Madison Native Make New Life Plans

A devoted son helps his mother at life's end-only to find himself on the verge of homelessness.

Jerry is the man with the gentle, welcoming smile on the back porch of Port St. Vincent de Paul. He's living at the Port recovering from some tough life events, and planning what comes next, including becoming a first-time grandfather.



"If I could change one thing about my hometown, it would be more advocates for mature adults to find them a place to live." —Jerry

He's a bit of a rarity in Madison: a native and a Memorial High School grad who built a career at a once-famous Madison company, Rayovac.

Like Rayovac, Jerry's been through a lot of changes over the last decade.

He's proud of his career as the Rayovac model shop supervisor for the battery R&D group. "I was part of the team that developed and tested new batteries. I liked the creativity and problem-solving at the job." Those same skills would be valuable later in life.

#### Losing a mother and home leads to the Port

When his beloved mother had a stroke, he took on full-time caregiving duties, moving in with her and leaving his job. "It was an honor to care for her," he explains. When she died last year, he sold the house to wrap up the estate and pay the bills. As is common, there wasn't much leftover. "I thought I'd be able to find a place to live in an affordable senior housing program." Little did he know, that like almost all affordable housing, the lists are long and openings few.

He was going to be homeless. "I had no idea what to do," Jerry says. "I heard about the Port, and called Peter (Peter Lewandowski, Port St. Vincent Director) for an interview." Jerry was accepted and became a resident in September. The Port has

given him a place to pause and to plan. Part of that plan is learning to deal with the minor limitations left from his own stroke.

#### The Port is a safe place to pause

Lewandowski explains that the Port is home for many men who are in a recovery or planning phase of their lives. "As a transitional housing program, we provide that physical support: a place to sleep and call your own, a place to store your belongings, consistent meals, connections to programs and 24-hour staffing to keep people on track to meet their goals. Most people share the goal of finding permanent, affordable housing."

#### Finding friends and a new path

"At the Port, there's a camaraderie amongst the men. People get along, we share a laugh," reveals Jerry. "But my goal is still to find a place of my very own." He has family in Lake Mills, but without a car, it's hard to get to health care, shopping and recreation. "I have to balance my choices."

He gets a somber look on his face when he speaks about the difficulty older adults with limited incomes have in finding safe housing. "If I could change one thing about my hometown, it would be more advocates for mature adults to find them a place to live." In addition to following his plan at the Port, Jerry is also working with an advocate at the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly.

Everyday, Jerry looks forward to news about housing, but he can wait patiently, enjoying the summer weather on the Port's back porch, because he has something else to look forward to. "My son and his wife have a little girl on the way. A little Sadie, named for her grandmother's favorite song. She's my first grandchild," he grins. As a man who cherishes family, he's thrilled about the next generation. It means life will go on with new blessings to overcome the old hardships.

**Update:** Jerry has secured housing and we happily count him among the Port Alumni Group and the new grandparents club!

## the journey from head to heart

#### **Dear Friends & Supporters:**

My office is about 12 feet above the reception area of our busy St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. My desk, computer and too many file folders sit about 24 feet above the waiting room for our Charitable Pharmacy. So those two sites of crucial service that we offer to neighbors in need aren't far from where I spend most of my working hours, and I visit the pantry and the pharmacy often. I only have to travel one or two floors to do so. But short distances can be deceiving.

I recently heard a wise nun say: "The distance between the head and the heart is about 18 inches, but it's the longest journey you'll ever make." Sister Kieran Kneaves, a Daughter of Charity and Director of Formation for the U.S. National Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was making the point that head knowledge can travel a long and tortuous path to become real, heart-felt action.

Sister Kieran was not the first to make this head-to-heart statement. It has been attributed to an archbishop, a Buddhist monk and a British politician, among others. But Sister was reminding those of us who try to follow the charitable example of St. Vincent de Paul that this maxim is particularly important in the work we do on behalf of people in need.



There's a lot of "head knowledge"—figures, charts and lists—in an annual report. It all represents the heart-felt compassion of caring people in our community to serve and support their neighbors who turn to St. Vincent de Paul for help with basic needs.

Our customer-choice food pantry continues to be a busy place, serving between 1,400 and 1,700 families each month. An economy offering more people jobs means that the need for food assistance may be a little less-pressing for some than it was at the peak of the recession, just a few years ago. The jobs that may be helping some low-income households know better where a next meal will come from are actually boosting need in other programs.

Our Charitable Pharmacy is experiencing significant growth in requests for medicine because people once eligible for government-

provided coverage may have one, two or more part-time jobs that don't provide coverage. And, they are now ineligible for the assistance they used to receive and still unable to afford insurance.

Need persists in Dane County among many—young, old and in-between—who must find ways to cope with poverty. Some of that poverty is due to major life crises in health, employment or housing; other forms of poverty may affect generations of family members. At St. Vincent de Paul, our dedicated volunteers and staff serve without regard to the race, creed or other characteristics of the people in need we help. I invite you to read this report for facts, figures and stories that provide insight into that service. And I thank a community of caring people for heartfelt support for our mission of helping our neighbors in need.

"We are assisted by others who have made the journey from head to heart in entrusting us with the resources to serve the way we do."

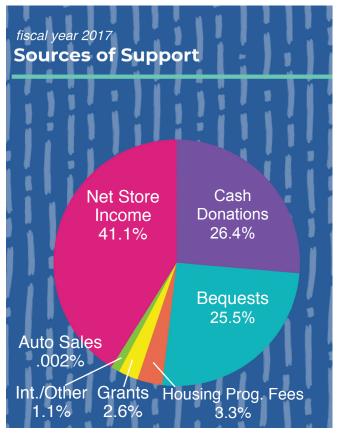
Warm regards,

Ernie Stetenfeld

CEO & Executive Director

## Income & Expenses (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017)

	Service Center	Housing	Thrift Stores	District Council	Total
			Income		
Donations & Cash Bequests	\$951,283	\$44,442	\$8,488	\$971,603	\$1,975,816
Store Sales	0	0	\$10,227,439	0	\$10,227,439
Vehicle Sales	0	0	\$710	0	\$710
Housing Fees	0	\$124,694	0	0	\$124,694
Grants	\$74,228	\$25,000	0	0	\$99,228
Interest, Dividends, etc.	\$544	0	\$18,150	\$24,319	\$43,013
Total Income	\$1,026,055	\$194,136	\$10,254,787	\$995,922	\$12,470,900
Expenses					
Personnel	\$285,562	\$300,835	\$6,580,024	\$700,137	\$7,866,558
Facilities	\$85,095	\$75,484	\$1,146,848	\$54,842	\$1,362,269
Distribution	\$404,498	\$9,984	\$261,331	\$33,869	\$709,682
Administration	\$159,876	\$3,081	\$655,828	\$229,137	\$1,047,922
Total Expenses	\$935,031	\$389,384	\$8,644,031	\$1,017,985	\$10,986,431
Capital Projects	\$2,200	\$52,947	\$46,159	\$0	\$101,306
Net Income	\$88,824	\$(248,195)	\$1,564,597	\$(22,063)	\$1,383,163





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October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

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