



# Grace Notes

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



## "A lot of people need help..."

Increasing food prices mean higher client numbers at our Food Pantry, and people come however they can.

As he loaded cans of soup, a bag of apples and oranges, frozen meat, cheese, yogurt containers and a gallon of milk onto his bike, Geoff\* explained how much the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry means to him. **"It's a huge blessing. A blessing of food which goes a long way,"** Geoff said. **"All of these people out here to help, it's amazing!"**

It is a cold, cold "Wisconsin spring" day. It's windy outdoors in the parking lot. A mix of snow and rain falls heavily. Still, staff and volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry are loading vehicles with food and personal-care items as they have, regardless of the weather, for the past two years. Cars frequently begin lining up 45 minutes before the pantry opens. Once they reach the front of the line, it takes just minutes for staff and volunteers to load trunks or backseats with boxes of food. Clients make special requests – no meat, skip the bread, just produce this week – but most take the full 75-pound allotment.

**Since the beginning of April, our food pantry has averaged 104 households per pantry day. The**

**current record-high number of households in one day for this year is 158.** These are numbers more typically seen around Thanksgiving and Christmas times. **Staff and volunteers load a vehicle every minute and a half on the busiest days.**

Vehicles aren't the only way people retrieve their groceries and come through our outdoor drive-through service. Geoff, a pantry client this past year, rides his bike to and from our pantry. Other pantry users ride the bus, using backpacks or shopping bags to carry their food home. A friend referred Geoff to St. Vincent de Paul. He's been a regular at the pantry for the last year. Especially due to the pandemic and inflation, access to free food has helped him pay other expenses and bills.

Inflation means food and other goods are expensive. Everyone feels this. Those who lack transportation face an added burden. Geoff cannot drive but manages the best he can by using a bike carrier to get his groceries home. Heavy items go on the bottom, bread on the top and anything else he can carry in two backpacks on his back. A supply of toilet paper, toothpaste and other personal-care items hang from his bike's handlebars.

**God blessed us with this food and with this pantry. It's amazing with such nice volunteers and staff,"** Geoff said. **"Food is expensive, rent is expensive, and this helps to cover other expenses like my rent and utilities. I can't thank you enough."**

*\*Name changed for privacy*

Most people coming through our Food Pantry receive about 75 lbs. of food (right). Your gift will help Geoff and other clients get the food they need. Thank you!



## Serving in Hope



Ernie Stetenfeld

My life has been marked by having options. It's not that I haven't faced hard choices, but I have been privileged generally to choose among positive possibilities.

**Here's a case in point: I was recently able to decide I will retire yet this year from my executive-leadership role with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Madison.** The CEO job for our Society in Dane County is one in which I have served for about five years.

I couldn't be more pleased to let you know that our Board of Directors has chosen Julie Bennett, our current Associate Executive Director, as our next CEO. Julie, a skilled and experienced nonprofit executive – with a head and heart for servant leadership – will assume the Executive Director & CEO role in full on Oct. 1. In the interim, Julie and I are in a period of transition to share knowledge to help equip our organization to continue to serve Dane County neighbors in need effectively and compassionately.

I share all this to impart two main notions. First, our organization values effective succession to preserve and improve our capacity to serve people. Second, I feel confident in our Board members' selection of Julie for our primary executive-leadership role. I believe Julie has the capacity to be a transformational leader for St. Vincent de Paul – Madison.

The options I have are often in short supply for many of those we at St. Vincent de Paul are privileged to help. **In spite of ingenious efforts to make ends meet, the possibilities for people coping with poverty remain constrained. The struggle to pay for household rent, utility bills, groceries, medical expenses and transportation – especially in a time of mounting inflation – tends to constrict choices for our neighbors in need.**



Julie Bennett

St. Vincent de Paul – Madison recently updated its strategic plan through 2024. We review this living document periodically to understand where we are in achieving its goals and to course correct as needed. The plan's goals focus our organization on expanding options for those we serve. New efforts under development include microlending, an accompaniment program geared toward helping people out of poverty, exploration of ways to

help with transportation needs, and a revised range of Seton Program services to meet needs among single custodial adults with minor children. Our food pantry and pharmacy are planning for expansions informed by lessons learned during the pandemic.

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Future annual reports will update readers on our efforts to grow opportunities to better honor the dignity of the people we serve. **We are grateful for the generosity of a caring community to help us succeed.** We need that generosity to continue and grow as our programs of service do. **Please join me in continuing to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to serve Dane County neighbors in need.** And I invite you to welcome Julie Bennett in her next role as our servant leader advancing that mission.

With thanks, blessings & warm regards,

Ernie Stetenfeld  
CEO & Executive Director

## Last year, donor support helped provide...

### Food

- On average, 222 adults and children were served each day our food pantry was open.
- 204 households were served on our busiest food pantry day.
- 46,158 total people received food and personal care items.

### Medicine

- 447 uninsured adult patients received needed medications, at no charge to them.
- 8,878 total 30-day prescriptions were filled.
- 250+ adults received their first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

### Housing Programs

- 50+ men, women and children had a safe place to live and support to plan their next steps.
- 5,635 bed nights were provided at Port St. Vincent de Paul.



**20,744** children and **37,004** adults served

**22,542** total Service Center cases



## Value of Assistance



**\$1,355,311**  
Food



**\$185,798**  
Clothing



**\$200,795**  
Furniture and Bedding



**\$497,719**  
Housing Programs



**\$587,713**  
Medicine



**\$76,225**  
Utilities



**\$67,168**  
Other Assistance



**\$2,970,729**  
Total

## By the numbers...

	Service Center	Housing	Thrift Stores	District Council	Total
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and Cash Bequests	\$2,235,709	\$49,330	\$12,387	\$14,625	\$2,312,051
Store Sales	-	-	\$11,857,767	-	\$11,857,767
Vehicle Sales	\$14,257	-	-	-	\$14,257
Housing Program Fees	-	\$84,595	-	-	\$84,595
Grants	\$196,925	\$15,000		\$1,784,673	\$1,996,598
Interest, Dividends, etc.	-	-	\$26,340	\$74,645	\$100,985
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,446,891</b>	<b>\$148,925</b>	<b>\$11,896,494</b>	<b>\$1,873,942</b>	<b>\$16,366,253</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personnel	\$463,233	\$383,006	\$7,898,051	\$741,864	\$9,486,155
Facilities	\$120,585	\$90,626	\$1,454,208	\$53,942	\$1,719,362
Distribution	\$316,250	\$14,864	\$122,174	\$33,267	\$486,555
Administration	\$181,087	\$9,222	\$752,473	\$127,189	\$1,069,972
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,081,155</b>	<b>\$497,719</b>	<b>\$10,226,906</b>	<b>\$956,262</b>	<b>\$12,762,043</b>
Capital Projects	\$55,155	\$65,346	\$357,485	\$89,229	\$567,215
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,310,581</b>	<b>(\$414,140)</b>	<b>\$1,312,103</b>	<b>\$828,452</b>	<b>\$3,036,995</b>

Note: Numbers represent data from fiscal year 2021; October 1, 2020 - September 31, 2021.

## Gifts in honor of another:

*Note: Gifts received in honor or memory listed here were received between October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021.*

All Saints Neighborhood staff	Msgr. Ken Fiedler	Ruth Lalley	Susan Rosenbek
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*Additional gratitude to our Youth Service Council!*

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