



# St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul Conference Needs Your Help!

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If you would like to live out the Gospel call of Jesus to help the poor, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers the opportunity and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

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## How You Can Help

- ☐ **Neighbor Assistance** – This is the main focus of our ministry and where we have the greatest need. Working in pairs we meet with neighbors in need, give them information to help them help themselves and provide them with financial assistance.
- ☐ **Other Language Capability** – Many of our cases are Spanish speakers. If you speak Spanish, we could use your language skills to serve as an interpreter on occasion. We also have use on occasion for a translator for Arabic and other languages of the Middle East and Asia. Understanding the language and customs of these diverse peoples is a great need of our group.
- ☐ **Healthy Foods** – St. Theresa SVDP has a ministry to provide healthy foods to needy people with diabetes or other conditions. As a member of St Vincent de Paul, you can help purchase and distribute healthy food to neighbors with special dietary requirements and limited funds.
- ☐ **Homeless Ministry** – Helping Our Neighbors (HON) is a ministry that hosts quarterly “shower” events for people experiencing homelessness in Northwest Austin, which include showers, a change of new clothing, haircuts, a meal and caseworker assistance. HON also helps find shelter for the homeless during freezing weather.

## ❑ Call Intake Assistance – Conference

Referral Helpline Ministry needs volunteers who can work from home a few hours per month to retrieve messages left by neighbors in need calling in for help and then refer them to the appropriate parish for assistance. Contact Barb Schafer, The CRHL coordinator at [richardbarbschafer@gmail.com](mailto:richardbarbschafer@gmail.com)

## ❑ Food Pantry Assistance – Although St.

Theresa does not operate a Food Pantry, you can help Saturday mornings at either of two food pantry locations that serve our neighbors in need: St. Louis King of France church at 7601 Burnet Road and the Vincentian Family Center at 901 W. Braker Lane.

## ❑ Thrift Store – If you have worked in retail, the Vincentian

Family Center Thrift Store could use your help serving their customers and people in need sent from other St. Vincent de Paul conferences. The store is open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Last Judgement, Matthew 25:35-40

*'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'*

*"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?'*

*"And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'*

Thank you for your financial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Society!

For more information about volunteering:  
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