

The Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
of Long Island

2019 Annual Report


We Help  
People®







## Our Mission



A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

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## A Note From Our Board President & CEO & Executive Director

Thank you for making 2019 a remarkable year for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island. Whether you are a Vincentian, sponsor or donor, your contribution of time, talent and treasure helped over 145,000 Long Islanders in their time of need. Because of our generous donors and event sponsors, we delivered over \$4 million in direct financial and material goods and services.

Each and every day our volunteers and staff come together ready to follow the example set by our Founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam in 1833, to meet the needs of others, especially the poor, the marginalized and the disadvantaged. Our 1,236 Vincentians spent 114,625 hours in service of others. Critical training was provided for our Vincentians to help them with the challenges they face in their ministry. In looking to prepare the next generation of volunteers, we held our Poverty Simulation Program for the Conference of students at St. John's University.

For the ongoing support of our mission, we held numerous clothing drives with schools, Girls Scout troops and businesses. The clothing from these drives, as well as our donation bins and furniture donations, are a significant component to enable our thrift stores to assist our neighbors with free or affordable items.

2020 is the 175th Anniversary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States of America. There have been many advances in our great country since then. Unfortunately, finding a solution to break the cycle of poverty or financial hardship will continue to challenge us as a society for some time to come.

We will remain steadfast and true to the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul and the vocation of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Blessed Rosalie Rendu in our mission to help our neighbors.

Yours in Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,

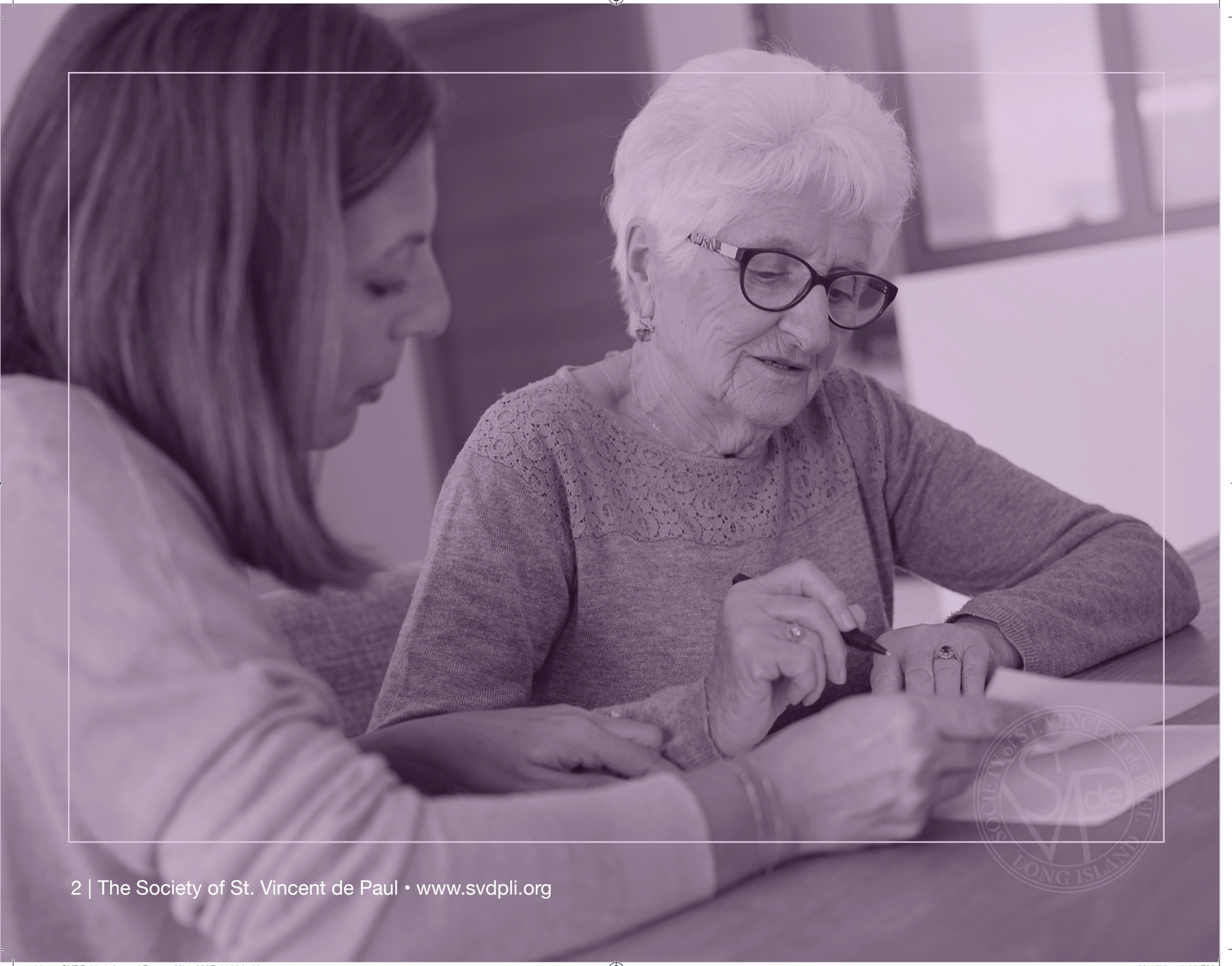
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# Our Neighbors

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So many families on Long Island are in a tenuous financial situation. Living paycheck to paycheck, as many of our neighbors do, it is so easy to find yourself in a financial free fall. Whether caused by job loss, illness, or other economic impacting situations beyond their control, the result can be disastrous. A family can quickly find themselves without enough food to eat, without heat in their home or even without a roof over their heads.

Last year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped 145,559 Long Islanders by providing:

**Financial assistance to 48,469 people**

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**Furniture and clothing provided at no charge to 5,279 people**

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**In-kind services such as legal and financial advice was provided to 335 people**

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**Dismas House, our transitional home for men returning from prison, served 44 men**







# Vincentians

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We have 1,236 Vincentians in 63 Parishes across Long Island. Our Conferences are in communities of varying demographics; economic hardship knows no borders. Vincentians visit our neighbors to assess their situation and help them find a path out of poverty to self-reliance. This help can take many forms.

**Visited 14,759 neighbors in their home**

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**Visited 361 neighbors in the hospital**

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**Visited 926 senior citizens**

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**Traveled 86,539 miles**

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**Cooked over 300 meals for residents at Dismas House**

The next generation of Vincentians can be found in our Young Vincentian and Catholic School Parish based groups and in the Conference at St. John's University. These young volunteers are always ready, willing and able to help out. Our future is bright!







# Dismas House

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Dismas House, a special ministry of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, extends our mission to help the population that we refer to as “returning citizens.” These men have served time in prison and are ready to reestablish themselves to reconnect with family, to become gainfully employed and become productive members of our communities. They are given assistance by the house staff and are expected to contribute to the running of the house. A group of volunteers, affectionately known as the “Tuesday Night Chefs”, gather at the house nearly every Tuesday

to cook dinner and eat with the men. This is a not only an evening with a nourishing meal, but it’s good for the spirit and soul as well.

In August, we held our second annual barbecue. We honored former Program Director Zack Singleton for his years of service. The evening provided an opportunity for our donors and community representatives to visit the house, meet our residents and staff and learn more about our program.





# Stores & Donation Bins

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At our stores in both Garden City Park and Huntington, our staff are more than sales people, cashiers and truck drivers. They are there to carry out our mission. In the stores, they represent the Society by serving the neighbors that come in for help with clothing and furniture just like they would any other customer, with kindness and respect. Our drivers that deliver and pick

up furniture and donation bin collections take our mission “on the road”. They are an extension of the works of charity of the Society.

Our Vincentian volunteers depend on the resources of the stores to assist individuals and families they are helping.







# Donors

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With so many non-profits amidst the Long Island landscape, it is humbling to receive financial support from such a wide range of donors. Some donors give a modest amount several times a year and have been doing so for decades. Other more recent donors have joined ACT (Affecting Change Together) and give a regular monthly gift. Donors can increase their gift

to the Society by accessing matching gift programs offered by their employer. Planned giving provides a donor with an opportunity to carry on their charitable intention beyond their lifetime. Several major donors support us through grants or Community Foundations or by supporting our Annual Golf Outing and Friends of the Poor 5K Walk/Run.







# Events

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The face of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to life at our Annual Golf Outing and Friends of the Poor 5k Walk/Run. At the Walk, volunteers, donors and neighbors join together to raise funds and awareness of the issue of poverty on Long Island.

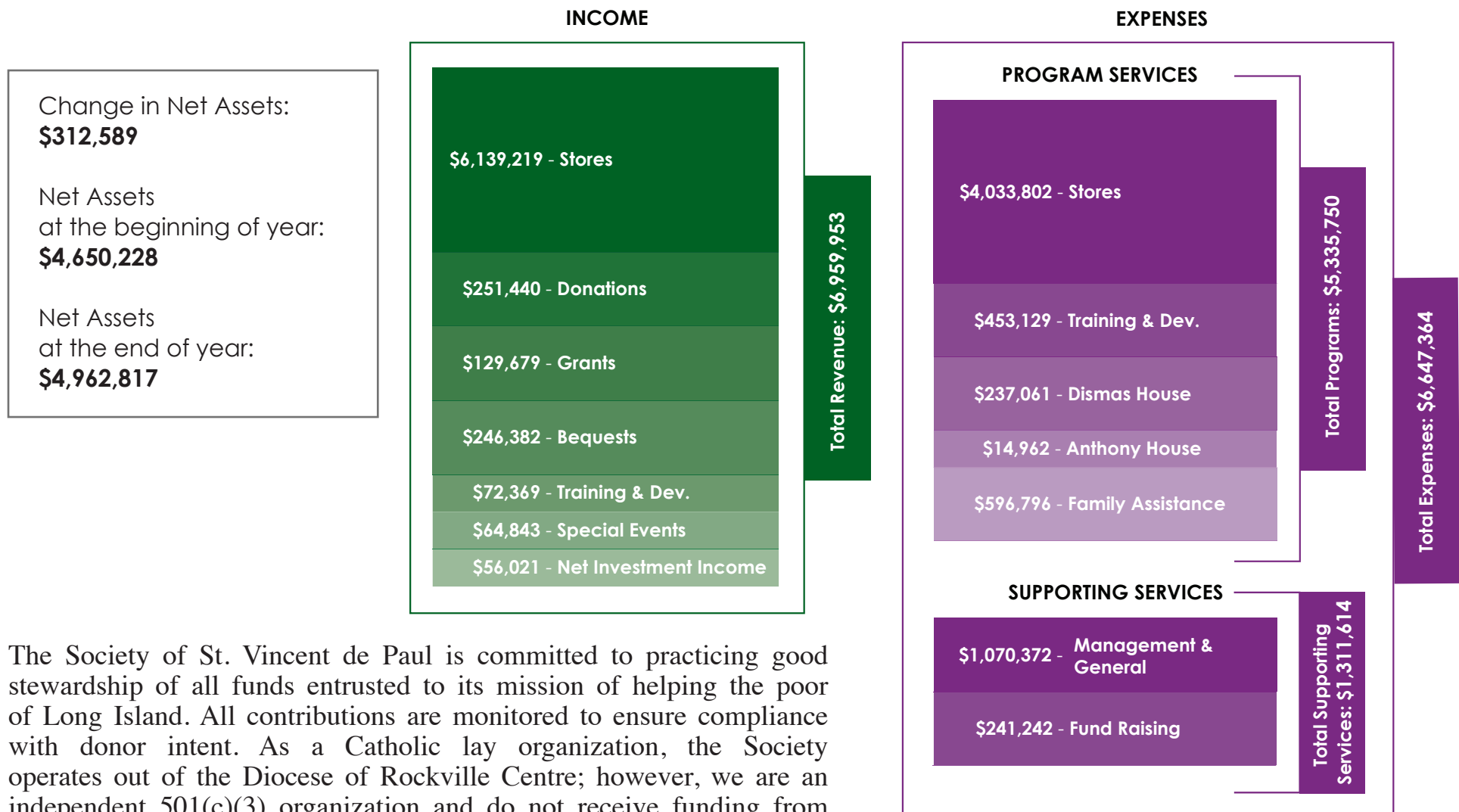
Each year close to 1,000 supporters gather with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to walk or run on behalf of our mission. The event is held in late September around the country in conjunction with the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. The Long Island Walk is the largest in the country. In 2019, we welcomed the Honorable John Barres, Bishop of the Rockville

Centre Diocese, along with several community partners including Catholic Charities, Catholic Health Services, Family and Children's Association, Coalition for the Homeless, St. John's University and St. John the Baptist High School.

The Annual Golf Outing combines a fun day of golf and dinner with an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions of our volunteers and donors. In 2019, we were proud to honor long time Vincentians Jack and Mary McCaffrey along with HUB Truck, a business partner and supporter for decades.



# The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island 2019 Annual Report Summary



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to practicing good stewardship of all funds entrusted to its mission of helping the poor of Long Island. All contributions are monitored to ensure compliance with donor intent. As a Catholic lay organization, the Society operates out of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; however, we are an independent 501(c)(3) organization and do not receive funding from the Diocese. Individual Conferences are provided contributions from their parishes.



# The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island

## Statistical Summary: Year Ending September 30, 2019

The 2019 statistical report shows the outcomes of the Society's efforts across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The financial and material support of SVDPLI and its Conferences help families avoid hunger, homelessness, and additional hardship.

### Central Council

Conferences:  
**63**

Vincentian Volunteers:  
**1,236**

Paid Staff:  
**72**



<b>SPECIAL WORKS</b>	<b>PEOPLE SERVED</b>	<b>OPERATIONAL COST</b>
<b>Transitional House for Men</b>		
Dismas House	44	\$252,023
Home Residence and Counseling		
Returning Citizens		
<b>Vincentian Programs</b>	658	\$242,597
Family Assistance, Uplift, Welcome Home, Dental Assistance, Community Grants		
<b>Vincentian Training and Development</b>	1,236	\$307,629
<b>Stores</b>		
Furniture / Clothing / Household	50,253	\$4,033,802
Neighbor's Clothing / Furniture (no cost)	5,279	\$499,699
<b>Information and Referral Calls</b>	5,180	
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<b>TOTAL SPECIAL WORKS</b>	62,650	\$5,335,750
<b>Management and Support Cost</b>		\$1,311,614
<b>CENTRAL COUNCIL TOTALS</b>	62,650	\$6,647,364
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<b>Conferences</b>		
Neighbor Assisted Financial Aid	42,811	\$1,678,747
In-Kind Assistance (estimated value)	40,098	\$1,753,342
Vincentian Volunteer Hours/Miles (value)		\$3,315,186
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<b>CONFERENCE TOTALS</b>	82,909	\$6,747,275
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<b>TOTALS</b>	145,559	\$13,394,639

# Donors 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2019

## \$50,000 and Over

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