

We Need Your Help.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store contributes about 85% of the discretionary income we use to subsidize all our other programs.

Today, half of all those who come to us for help must be turned away for lack of funds.

We believe a larger store is needed. The additional floor space will allow us to carry more items and generate the additional revenues to help close this growing gap.

We have purchased additional land and begun development of the new facility. Yet, we face the challenge of sustaining the programs our "family" depends upon while we try to raise the funds needed for new construction.

How can I help?

We are beginning a fund drive to help with the construction costs of this needed facility. Your generous donations would be greatly appreciated.

Credit card donations can be processed at our website at www.svdpjuneau.org, or by calling the Thrift Store directly at 789-5124. You may also mail your donation to: St. Vincent de Paul Juneau, 8617 Teal Street, Juneau, AK 99801.

Thanks so much for your consideration.



Proposed Thrift Store & Non-Profit Center rendering.

Non Profit
U.S. Mail
Juneau, AK
Permit # XXX

St. Vincent de Paul
8617 Teal Street
Juneau, AK 99801



St. Vincent
de Paul JUNEAU



Doing the
impossible, *everyday.*



OUR MISSION

We work for social justice for the people of Southeast Alaska through spiritual and material charity regardless of race, religion or place of origin.

What is St. Vincent de Paul?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is 175 years old this year. The international charity was founded by Frederick Ozanam, a twenty year old law student at the Sorbonne University in Paris. He and his fellow Catholic students were frustrated by the impotence of government and church institutions in the face of the abysmal poverty in the time of "Les Miserables."



St. Vincent de Paul sponsors the building and management of affordable housing. Shown here is Smith Hall's senior apartments.

Their mission was simple—fulfill the admonition of the gospel found in Matthew 40:24

"Whatsoever you do for these, the least of my brethren, you do for me."

The Society has been working for the poor in Juneau for twenty four years. Like all councils of the Society, the Juneau Council is independent of the national and international organization. We are linked to all other St. Vincent councils in the world by our common commitment to the needy, but depend solely on our own community and competitive grant opportunities to support our work.

Major Programs of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Juneau

Affordable Housing

For 15 years the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Juneau has focused on local homeless issues. In that time, we have built 15 Transitional Housing apartments for homeless families with children, eleven apartments for single homeless disabled, 29 apartments for low-income households and 24 apartments for low-income seniors (Smith Hall, shown here). More than 100 households are housed or kept from eviction by the Society each year.

Childcare

The St. Vincent de Paul Childcare Center is entering its second decade. This state licensed, full-time child development center has a mission to realize the full potential of every child we contact, regardless of income, race, place of origin, or physical/mental ability. We serve low-income children, children in state foster care, children living in our shelter, disabled special needs children and any child whose parents want to expose them to the beautiful diversity of our community. Older children attend Head Start classes at the Juneau Pioneer Home.



The St. Vincent de Paul Child Development Center



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

The Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is the economic engine that makes possible all the charitable work of St. Vincent de Paul. It provides a channel for the community to donate and recycle clothing, furniture, electronics and household items for resale at modest prices. This store is largely run by volunteer labor.

Economic Assistance

Direct assistance to the needy is provided throughout the year in various ways: Sometimes it is help with rent or mortgage payments, electric and heating bills, or assistance with finding money for essential health care needs. We also sponsor drives for gifts and food around the holiday seasons for needy families.

Loan Program

The Southeast Alaska Financial Opportunity Association is a credit union for low-income households. Applicants may be approved for small micro-loans to cover short term financial emergencies like car repairs, move-in expenses or medical bills. Loan payments are based on the monthly budget of the household. If all payments are made on time, the interest (less than 5%) is refunded to the applicant.