

# St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc. Helping Others Help Themselves



We assist the poor and those in need of consolation, seeking out and utilizing every resource. Being mindful of the sanctity and dignity of all, any charitable work that advances those goals is within the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is Lane County's largest nonprofit human services organization. To enact our mission we focus on five core areas: social services, homeless services, affordable housing, job assessment and placement, and economic development. Our services are designed to give low-income working families, seniors and people with disabilities the tools they need to become selfsufficient. We serve 84,000 people every year.

SVDP works to incorporate sustainability into everything we do. Our main area of focus in economic development is green jobs. Our workers divert products for landfills that are resold in our retail thrift stores or processed for recycling. We divert over 100 tons of materials for reuse and recycling every day. We include green features in all our affordable housing and have even installed a solar hot water system at our day center for homeless adults.

The Lamb Building is St. Vincent de Paul's newest affordable housing project.

SVDP offers the following services to the community:

- Homeless services, including day shelters for families and single adults.
- Emergency services: Free food, clothing, household goods, beds, appliances, and furniture. People can also get help with rent, prescription medication, and utilities.
- Affordable housing: SVDP provides affordable • rental housing for working families, seniors and people with disabilities.
- Job assessment and placement, which provides job training and placement for people with multiple barriers to employment.
- Economic development: SVDP employs over 250 people in jobs designed to reuse and recycle materials that would otherwise be landfilled.



Children deserve a chance to succeed in life. St. Vincent de Paul helps thousands of families struggling to make ends meet every year.



St. Vincent de Paul runs several waste-based businesses including the Aurora Glass Factory, which creates gift products and awards from recycled window glass.

### Partners

- City of Eugene
- City of Springfield
- Lane County
- Over 100 private businesses

## Accomplishments

- Provide 58,500 people with rent or utility assistance, help with prescription medication, clothing, furniture, appliances or household goods.
- Serve over 460 homeless families with children every year.
- Egan Warming Center (extreme weather shelter for single adults) served 442 people in 2009-2010. Over half those people were sleeping in a vehicle or on the streets
- Provide job assessment and placement services for over 800 people a year
- Developed 1,000 units of affordable housing. 232 units are served by solar hot water systems, and many more units have other green features.
- Divert over 15 million pounds of materials from landfills every year.

## Goals

- Ensure that a diverse range of people have a say in the plan, including people who are low-income, disabled, or otherwise disenfranchised.
- Secure additional funding for creating green jobs and affordable housing.



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