

## **Volunteers:**

Volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul is a most fulfilling way to spend your time and find spiritual and personal growth. You will help those in need and work with people who share your values.

SVdP members come from all walks of life, races, faith groups and backgrounds. But we all believe the dictum “whatever you do for the least of mine, you do unto me.”

See the following list of our ministries to find one that suits your interests:

### ***Food Pantry:***

- Pack bags of groceries for distribution.
- Register those coming for groceries, give out bags and extra items.
- Drive SVdP truck and/or help with loading donated food from area stores.
- Help unload truck, sort and stock food.

### ***Thrift Center/Boutique:***

- Collect, fold and arrange clothes.
- Sort and display housewares.
- Assist shoppers as needed.
- Be a cashier; bag/wrap purchases.
- Work in our boutique of upscale clothing, accessories, jewelry and shoes.

### ***Furniture Center:***

- Pick up/deliver furniture with SVdP truck or van; drive or assist.
- Organize, price and display items.
- Help customers on the sales floor.

***Home Visitation:*** This involves meeting with people who cannot pay for basic necessities such as heating, water or rent. Teams always consist of two Vincentians. Continuing counseling may be provided as necessary.

- Provide financial and other counseling as needed and wanted. Arrange payment with service providers of essential needs.
- Assist the temporarily homeless with emergency shelter and food.
- Make referrals to local social service agencies and offer other SVdP services such as the Food Pantry and Thrift Store.
- Be on call one to two days a month.

***Donations Shed:*** Accept donations, provide receipt and move items to appropriate locations in storage.

***Ambassadors:*** Welcome new Vincentians and help them find their ministry with us.

- Meet and greet new members.
- Participate in one-on-one discussion to explain SVdP programs.

***Friendly Neighbor Ministry:*** The elderly are often forgotten members of our society. Friendly Neighbors:

- Provide phone contact and home visits for the isolated or homebound.
- Offer smiling faces, listening ears and understanding hearts to those we visit.
- Provide the presence and friendship of a faith-based, serving community.

***Phone Responders:*** SVdP has a helpline. Phone responders work one day a week, to retrieve calls and refer callers to the appropriate person.

***Building Maintenance/Security:*** Assist the facilities engineer to:

- Insure maintenance of systems, landscaping.
- Determine future needs.

### ***Marketing/Publicity Committee:***

Communicates our mission and activities to clients, volunteers and supporters. Photographers help to document events. Create & publish news on our Facebook page and other social media to spread the word to the public of who we are and what we offer. Coordinate with fundraising committee.

### **Computer, Database, Website Support:**

- Assist in maintaining and updating databases; develop and maintain website and other related sites.
- Provide technical support for all computer systems.

### **General Support:**

- Write grant applications.
- Write thank you letters.
- Historian.
- Assist with special events.

**Voice of the Poor:** This advocacy group supports programs to help those in need at the local, county, state & federal levels. We also support programs and actions sent to us by SVdP councils and national leadership; reports are distributed to our members. This is *not* a political lobbying group.

### **Community Outreach:**

Act as liaison to the Talbot Co. Hunger Coalition and other related organizations.

### **Special Projects**

#### **Angel Tree:**

SVdP matches children and adults in need with Christmas presents from their wish list.

### **Detention Center Christmas Party:**

SVdP hosts a Christmas party at the Talbot County Detention Center for detainees and their families.

### **Fundraisers:**

- Dining Out "Feed the Hungry" Card.
- Annual main fundraising event.
- Movie Under the Stars night, other ideas.

**Youth Activities:** Our children learn to bring faith & hope alive through service to others.

- Assist with SSPP/SVdP Club.
- Student volunteers assist adults as needed at the Thrift Center. They are eligible to receive Service Hours required for graduation in Talbot County.

**Spirituality:** The primary purpose of this area is to increase the spiritual growth of SVdP members. Volunteers prepare prayers for meetings, maintain prayer request lists, schedule Masses, organize spiritual reflections and provide spiritual guidance and prayers for other ministries.

### **Please consider joining us at SVdP!**

We are an organization of people who are trying to make a difference in the lives of those who need a helping hand. We need people with many different skills and interests, and we can work with whatever time you can share.

*"To see in those in need the face of Christ"*



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

### **Location of Center:**

29533 Canvasback Drive  
Easton, Maryland 21601  
410-770-4505

### **Website:**

<http://www.svdpeastonmd.org>

### **Email address:**

[svdpeastonmd@gmail.com](mailto:svdpeastonmd@gmail.com)

### **Mailing address:**

PO Box 783  
Easton, Maryland 21601



### **Thrift Center Hours:**

Thursdays & Saturdays, 1-4 pm

### **Food Pantry Hours:**

Tuesdays 1-4 pm, Saturdays 9 am-noon