



Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Annual Report for 2023 Calendar Year

We are so deeply grateful and appreciative of our generous donors and community partners. **THANK YOU!!**

“What am I supposed to do?!” is the refrain we hear over and over from families we see on our home visits. All too often, people are in tears over having to ask for help even though they work full-time (plus side jobs on weekends) and have always paid their rent on time. A missed workweek or two due to surgery, an expensive auto repair, a child’s health crisis – any of those events put working families at risk of eviction, with rents at an all-time high. The risk of being forced to live in their car is far too real for these families.



Ozanam House Food Pantry

Your support helps us lift their burdens and prevent homelessness. Thank You!!

Feeding the Hungry

Thanks to our partnerships with Clark County Food Bank, Bi-Zi Farms, and other local businesses, we can provide fresh produce, meat, and bread along with a generous box of staples.

In 2023, over 2,300 families received more than 75 tons of food. That represents an increase of 22% from 2022.

Gas, Electricity and Water

In 2023, we helped 52 families keep their heat and lights on and their water running.

Rent assistance

Staying in their homes keeps families safe and strong. In 2023, we helped 144 families with their rent. The need continues to be very high, since the cost of housing keeps rising.

In 2023, we helped almost 11,000 Clark County residents with:

- fresh and non-perishable food
- rent and utilities
- emergency shelter
- gas vouchers and bus cards
- prescription assistance

Because we consider each request individually, we can sometimes help with unusual needs such as work boots or the fee to renew an occupational license.

“No work of charity is foreign to the Society”

Your Dollar Goes Farther and Stays Local

Since we are entirely volunteer-run, **93% of your donation** goes to help those in need in our local community.

Where Do Our Funds Come From?

In Calendar Year 2023:

- \$94,784 Parishioners and other donors
- \$35,000 Grant from Cowlitz Tribal Foundation
- \$18,508 Friends of the Poor® Walk
- \$16,866 Summer Outreach Sale
- \$13,456 Inaugural Legacy Campaign

Where Do Our Funds Go?

- 58% Rental Assistance
- 9% Utility Assistance
- 9% Temporary Lodging
- 9% Food
- 8% Other Assistance (transportation, medical, etc)
- 7% Operating Expenses

How Can I Help?

Join us! <https://svdpstjohn.org/volunteer/>

Donate at: <https://svdpstjohn.org/donate/>

You are also welcome to look for the Poor Box in the narthex at St. John the Evangelist.

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