Be Hope in Action

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Be... the Hands
the Feet
the Heart
the Voice
the Head
Hope in Action

Mission
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia empowers people, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or faith, to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by offering financial, material, educational, and spiritual support and by collaborating with others to develop and deliver programs and service.
Dear Friends,

2014 was a great year for St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. The 100th Anniversary of the Society’s beginnings in Georgia allowed us many great opportunities for celebration and for expanding our impact.

The theme of 2014 Annual Report is Be Hope in Action. As the following pages will show, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia relies on an immense network of volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters who are doing just that. With a commitment to our mission to empower people, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or faith, with the tools, resources, and support they need to move along the path toward stability and self-sufficiency, we continue to change lives every day.

Last year focused on three elements of Hope In Action: the Hands, the Head, and the Heart. From the volunteers who visited homes, stocked food pantry shelves, and cared for those in need to the generous donors and supporters who provided the financial and material resources that change lives, to the community partners who joined us to deliver hope, this call was met with excitement and dedication.

We realize, however, that being Hope in Action involves much more. This year’s Annual Report is expanded to include the Feet of Hope in Action and the Voice of Hope in Action. In addition to the Hands, Head, and Heart, these are key pieces to our mission’s impact, and we know that there are countless other ways that we are changing lives.

Last year, SVdP Georgia’s 71 Conferences and 4 Family Support Centers served more than 126,000 people with more than $6.9 million in expenditures to feed, clothe, shelter, and educate the poor and marginalized.

The statics, however, tell us that the need for our programs and services is still great. More than 1.8 million Georgians live in poverty, 1 in 4 of Georgia’s children live in food insecure homes, and 10% of senior citizens live below the poverty line. Numbers like these show us that our work is not done.

Our impact on the community is a direct result of the commitment of our volunteers, donors, and partners. Each and every one of us can Be Hope in Action in our community, and this Annual Report is both a celebration of that commitment and a call to action for the future.

Whether you are a tireless volunteer, a generous donor, or a consummate supporter and advocate, we are truly grateful for your service and dedication. Together, we can fight poverty and deliver hope. Thank you for your continued support!

With Gratitude,

Kyle Reis
President and Chairman of the Board

John Berry
Chief Executive Officer
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia plays an incredibly important role in poverty relief and prevention across the state of Georgia. Through a vast volunteer network, 71 Conferences, 4 Family Support Centers, 42 Client Choice Food Pantries, 12 Thrift Stores, we are Hope in Action for children, families, and individuals in need. While SVdP is an independent 501c(3) nonprofit organization, we proudly claim a heritage and value system rooted in faith, friendship, and social justice. SVdP Georgia, along with its counterparts across the nation and across the world, works to serve the needs of the poor and marginalized in our local communities. With a strong network of support from individual donors, fellow nonprofit organization, corporate leaders, and elected officials, SVdP Georgia empowers our neighbors in need and help them move along the path toward stability and self-sufficiency.

Living the Mission

Tony and Betsy have always been actively involved in their community. From church activities, to Girl Scouts, and Little League Baseball, giving back to those in need was natural for them. Two years ago, they were inspired by St. Vincent de Paul’s mission to help those in need, and they have been actively involved as home visitors ever since. For them, the most rewarding work comes when they get the opportunity to help families and individuals who have fallen on hard times find their way back to stability.

One encounter that really impacted Betsy and Tony came from their work with a woman and her teenage son. After losing her job, the woman and her son were forced to move into a temporary housing situation. Without access to a computer, schoolwork was becoming increasingly difficult for the teenager. Betsy and Tony started the search for a donated computer, but they did not have any luck. Finally, when they felt like they had exhausted all of their resources, a laptop computer was donated to St. Vincent de Paul, and they were able to give it to the boy just in time for Christmas.

This type of wraparound service is what makes St. Vincent de Paul’s mission unique. Our volunteers are willing to go above and beyond to build connections with people in need. This is truly an example of being the Hands of Hope in Action.
2014 Summary of Services

71 Conferences in the Council
Local volunteer organizations that deliver SVdP services to people in need across Georgia.

2,398 Members
Active and associate

4,295 Total Volunteers

256,948 Total Volunteer Hours

$5,794,177 Estimated Value of Volunteer Hours

588,589 Estimated Miles Driven for Home Visits

$329,610 Estimated Value of Unreimbursed miles
$0.56 per mile

126,226 People Served

$6,974,720 Expenditures in Service to the Poor
Rent, Utilities, Food, Medical, etc.

$1,717,971 Estimated In Kind Value: Food, Clothing, Furniture & Cars

$14,405 In Kind Value: Professional Services
Legal, Medical, Dental, Educational, etc.

$14,830,883 Total Value of Vincentian Service

“I am so grateful for the space, time, resources, and support that SVdP provided to help me become more stable and on track to achieve my goals of stable housing, financial freedom, and an overall sense of peace.”
— Lisa, SVdP Client
St. Vincent de Paul Georgia operates 4 Family Support Centers in north and central Georgia. Each Family Support Center is staffed with volunteers and caseworkers who provide valuable services, including benefits screenings, Client Choice Food Pantries, computer labs, volunteer income tax preparation, and classes through the Journey Program, which teaches clients important topics including budgeting and financial literacy, nutrition, and couponing. The Family Support Centers are invaluable resources in the community as they provide a depth of services that is not found elsewhere. Any clients whose needs cannot be met at our FSC is connected with one of our many partner agencies.
St. Vincent de Paul Georgia relies on a vast and diverse group of committed volunteers to deliver programs and services to individuals and families in need across the state. With a commitment to charity and justice, each of our more than 3,000 volunteers serves the community with respect, dignity, and love. Through our network of 71 local volunteer chapters called Conferences, our volunteers work directly in their communities to deliver the programs and services that have the most significant impact.

Conferences

All Saints
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Young Adult
Blessed Trinity High School
Christ Our Hope
Christ Our King & Savior
Christ The King
Christ the Redeemer
Corpus Christi
Good Samaritan
Good Shepherd
Holy Cross
Holy Family
Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Atlanta
Mary Our Queen
Our Lady of Charity
Our Lady of Lasallette
Our Lady of Lourdes
Our Lady of Mountains
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Our Lady of the Assumption
Our Lady Queen of Angels
Prince of Peace
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sacred Heart, Atlanta
St. Catherine Laboure
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
St. Andrew
St. Ann
St. Anthony, Atlanta
St. Anthony, Blue Ridge
St. Augustine
St. Benedict
St. Brigid
St. Catherine of Siena
St. Clement
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Gabriel
St. George
St. James Mission

St. James the Apostle
St. John Neumann
St. John the Evangelist
St. John Vianney
St. Joseph, Dalton
St. Joseph, Marietta
St. Jude
St. Lawrence
St. Louise de Marillac, St. Vincent de Paul Parish
St. Luke the Evangelist
St. Marguerite d’Youville
St. Mary Magdalene
St. Matthew, Tyrone
St. Matthew, Winder
St. Michael, Gainesville
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Monica
St. Oliver Plunkett
St. Patrick
St. Paul of the Cross
St. Peter
St. Peter Chanel
St. Philip Benizi
St. Pius X
St. Stephen the Martyr
St. Theresa
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Thomas More
St. Thomas the Apostle
Transfiguration
Since 2011, in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia has collected meat, produce, and non-perishable items from local grocery stores. This program, known as the Food Recovery and Distribution Program (FRDP), collects and redistributes more than 300,000 pounds of food annually. As 1 in 5 Georgians experience food insecurity, programs like the FRDP play an essential role in forming healthy communities.

Never really knowing — to some a number given surely would be too small — To others, bragging — To us, we fed them all. – Frank Uhle

OJ and Frank have been serving the poor and marginalized in Blairsville for years through their local SVdP Conference.

Five years ago when OJ saw an email from the SVdP Council Office mentioning a new food program that would provide meat and produce, he and Frank knew that their impact was about to expand greatly. For the past five years, both men have made the 4-hour round trip at least once a week to collect frozen meat and redistribute it to residents in need in Blairsville. The extra boost that this meat provides to families struggling with hunger and poverty is incredible.

Frank and OJ’s commitment to being Hope in Action comes from their devotion to SVdP’s mission. As OJ puts it, “The best thing about St. Vincent de Paul is that it is more than just giving people money, we embrace them and carry them a few steps further on the path until there is a fire lit within them that helps them find independence.” Their devotion to service and willingness to work for the benefit of the community gives a wonderful glimpse into the core of what it means to be hope in action.

Toward the end of one of the food distribution days, a woman arrived at the Food Pantry in a van to pick up some food and meat for her family. As Frank helped her select some food, the woman told him more about her situation. The little girl in the back seat of the van had a birthday the next day and there were no gifts, not even a cake. Feeling a bit of optimism, Frank told her to look in the bags in the back of the pantry, which had breads in them. The woman picked out some and when she got to the third bag there was only one item in it, a beautifully decorated birthday cake. She saw it and looked up with tears in her eyes and was so grateful to receive such a gift of hope!
St. Vincent de Paul Georgia operates 12 Thrift Stores across the state of Georgia. Each Thrift Store generates income from the sale of donated goods, which sustains the cost of the store, allowing all proceeds to go directly to programs and services that help people in need. The money raised by each Thrift Store stays in the store’s community, creating a hyper-local system of giving. Additionally, clients in need receive vouchers that provide them with clothing and household goods at no cost.
Be the Head of Hope in Action

Charles Edwards
As a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Board of Directors, Charles Edwards is hope in action. His time with St. Vincent de Paul Georgia began with a partnership with the Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency (ACSS). This collaboration led to the establishment of the Transitional Employment Initiative. Charles’ connection to the SVdP mission to help people living in poverty thrive comes from a deep personal connection. When Charles was nine years old, he and his family were homeless for nine months. This experience gave him a great desire to help people not only find stability, but to also to thrive. His commitment to programs that achieve this goal truly makes him Hope in Action.

2013-2014 Board of Directors

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Spiritual Advisor — Raul Trujillo
Laura Gibbs’ parents were always heavily involved in volunteering, and this inspired her to find a way to give back. In 1999, she began volunteering as a mentor for participants in St. Vincent de Paul’s House of Dreams program, which provides women transitional housing, employment support, financial management and life skills. Just a year later, she became the director of the program. This was a big commitment for Laura, who has three children and a full-time job, but the program’s devotion to providing a deep level of service and connection with the clients was too important for her to pass up.

Since its founding, 67 women have completed the program, moving from unstable situations to self-sufficiency. For Laura, the program’s success rests on the values of respect, dignity, and charity that guide St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. All of the women who come to House of Dreams need help getting back on track, and the personalized care and intervention allows these women to do just that.

Laura’s dedication to the program and to the women who come seeking help is a truly inspirational example of the good that can come from turning hope in action.

At the end of 2013, Dolisa was in a tough situation. Without a job or stable housing, she needed some help getting back on her feet. She was referred to St. Vincent de Paul and began her six month journey toward stability and self-sufficiency. Within the first month of the program, Dolisa found a temporary job that turned into a full-time position. She now lives in an apartment on her own. Dolisa says that the resourcefulness, communication skills, and humility she gained and the support she received from the program has helped her discover self-sufficiency.
# Audited Financials

## PUBLIC SUPPORT / CONTRIBUTIONS

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## REVENUE & OTHER GAINS / LOSSES

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## TOTAL REVENUE

**$13,147,299**

## EXPENSES

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## Increase in Net Assets

**$(300,814)$**

## NET ASSETS BEGINNING BALANCE

**$2,640,396**

(includes both unrestricted and restricted assets)

## NET ASSETS ENDING BALANCE

**$2,339,582**

PUBLIC SUPPORT / CONTRIBUTIONS
- Annual Collection — 3%
- Individuals, Corporations & Foundations — 74%
- In-Kind Donations — 22%
- Government Contributions — 0%
- Estates & Memorials — 0.63%

REVENUE & OTHER GAINS / LOSSES
- Thrift Store — 99%
- Interest Income — 1%

TOTAL EXPENSES
- Program Services — 89%
- General & Administrative — 7%
- Fundraising — 4%
Growing
HOPE IN ACTION
St. Vincent de Paul Georgia’s impact on the community depends on you and your support. Every volunteer hour served, dollar raised, and partnership created delivers hope and help to those in need.

Volunteer
Our robust volunteer network is the lifeblood of SVdP Georgia. Volunteers deliver hope to families and individuals in need in a variety of ways from conducting home visits, to stocking food pantry shelves, to sorting donated clothing. Join the more than 5,000 volunteers who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of families and individuals who are struggling with poverty. They are truly the Hands of Hope in Action. Visit www.svdpgeorgia.org to learn about becoming a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Georgia.

Donate
When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, you can rest assured knowing that your contribution is making an impact on poverty in Georgia. With monetary and in-kind donations, SVdP is able to feed, clothe, and shelter the members of our community who are most in need. Every contribution helps deliver hope. From monetary gifts, company matching gift programs, and planned giving to donating clothing, food, furniture, or even your car, your generosity allows us to be Hope in Action in the community.

Partner
St. Vincent de Paul Georgia works tirelessly to end poverty in the state, but we cannot do it alone. Our corporate and community partners are integral to the success of SVdP’s mission. Partnerships with organizations like Gas South, Georgia Power, the Kroger Company, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank allow us to expand the impact of our programs and services. We look forward to continuing to grow our base of support to empower even more families and individuals across the state.