SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL, Serving Those In Need.

INSPIRED BY GOSPEL VALUES, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, A CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATION, LEADS WOMEN AND MEN TO JOIN TOGETHER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY BY OFFERING PERSON-TO-PERSON SERVICES TO THE NEEDY AND SUFFERING, IN THE TRADITION OF ITS PATRON, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THE PRIMARY FIGURE BEHIND THE SOCIETY'S FOUNDING WAS BLESSED FREDERICK OZANAM, A FRENCH LAWYER, AUTHOR, AND PROFESSOR IN THE SORBONNE. THE SOCIETY NOW HAS OVER 1,000,000 MEMBERS IN OVER 130 COUNTRIES, WITH OVER 2,000 MEMBERS RIGHT HERE IN THE BOSTON ARCHDIOCESE

AS A REFLECTION OF THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD, MEMBERS, WHO ARE KNOWN AS VINCENTIANS, ARE DRAWN FROM EVERY ETHNIC AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND, AGE GROUP AND ECONOMIC LEVEL. VINCENTIANS ARE UNITED IN AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHARITY BY THEIR SPIRIT OF POVERTY, HUMILITY AND SHARING, WHICH IS NOURISHED BY PRAYER AND REFLECTION, MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE GATHERINGS AND ADHERENCE TO A BASIC RULE.

ORGANIZED LOCALLY, VINCENTIANS WITNESS GOD'S LOVE BY EMBRACING ALL WORKS OF CHARITY AND JUSTICE. THE SOCIETY COLLABORATES WITH OTHER PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL IN RELIEVING NEED AND ADDRESSING ITS CAUSES, MAKING NO DISTINCTION IN THOSE SERVED, BECAUSE IN THEM VINCENTIANS SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST.

THE VOLUNTEERS ARE REGULAR FOLKS, JUST LIKE YOU AND ME. THEY DONATE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP THE NEEDY IN THE NAME OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. THEIR MISSION IS SIMPLE: HELP THOSE IN NEED WITHOUT THE RED TAPE. WHETHER IT IS FOOD, CLOTHES OR FINANCIAL RELIEF, ST. VINCENT'S IS THERE.

LAST YEAR ALONE ST. VINCENT'S GAVE OVER $2,500,000.IN AID.

EVERY TIME YOU MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO ST. VINCENT'S YOU ARE HELPING THOSE IN NEED. WHETHER YOU DONATE CLOTHES, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, MAKE A MONETARY DONATION OR LIST US IN YOUR ESTATE, YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!