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May your Easter Season be joyous and filled
with blessings of the Risen Lord

"To those in our society who have lost all hope and joy in life, to the elderly who struggle alone and feel their strength waning," Pope Francis said, "to young people who seem to have no future, to all I once more address the words of the Risen One: 'See, I am making all things new..."

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life' (Rev 21:5-6)." He concluded, saying,

"May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis: Easter Urbi et Orbi a message of hope 2016 Vatican Radio

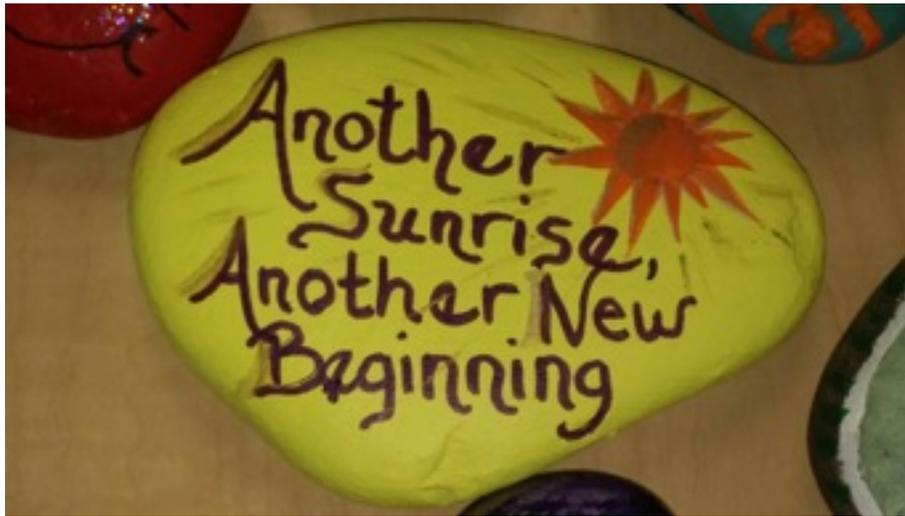


Loribeth Thomas envisioned a Girl Scout Gold Star project featuring the Corporal Works of Mercy and created these banners showing many of the works done at St. Vincent de Paul. So much hard work, diligent planning, and creativity went into the project. Congratulations Loribeth! Here is one of the banners!

Transitional Employment Consultants recently presented The Silver Star Award to Roy Sarver, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Uniontown Area Conference, to recognize and thank SVdP for employing persons with disabilities, giving them a welcoming, safe, and encouraging place to learn and develop their talents and job skills.



Kindness Rocks can be found almost anywhere to bring positive messages (and perhaps sunshine) to unsuspecting recipients.



On a recent Saturday, creative volunteers gathered to brightly paint stones to include positive and kind messages to whomever finds the rock!

When found, you may keep or leave somewhere to keep the kindness rocking!



Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus students joined us to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for community service.

"Ask and you shall receive." Believe it!

During the holidays, our plans included sharing more to ensure our neighbors have a special Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our community, businesses, pre-schools, schools, friends, and neighbors swept us away with donations through food drives and monetary donations.

May God bless you abundantly and know that your generosity caused joy not just for the recipients but for Vincentians who are encouraged by the wonderful support for our mission "To provide help and hope to those in need."

With your generous donations came a huge surprise, pallets of food that we could not store but wanted to share, so we had two food giveaways. Here is a story by Dana Krofcheck, Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator from one of those events:

"As the food give-ways began, I praised God for the hands and feet of each worker that came out that cold day on our side of the table, not realizing that just over the edge of that table God was working too.

Some people came for their own needs and wants. But in the conversations that I heard most were for family or neighbors that couldn't get out or were too afraid of the judgment of others to come themselves. Nevertheless, God showed up in a mighty way that day on both sides of the table.

One conversation comes to mind with a gentleman who told me that he was laid off and didn't know where he would get food for his family.

After explaining his situation his eyes welled up with tears as he praised God for St. Vincent de Paul and the generosity he was receiving that day and throughout his time of need. I assured him he was indeed receiving the LOVE of Christ here at St. Vincent de Paul.

As we cleaned up at the end of the day, the faces of the workers were glowing with the most joyous glow. A radiant light. A light that you can only get by serving as Christ would serve. I can't imagine how He feels seeing His children doing His work, being His hands and feet, being Christ-like.

May that light of Christ never leave us throughout the rest of the season and continue to shine in the year to come. God Bless."

"If you want to find God, seek him where he is hidden: in the neediest, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned." Pope Francis

If you want to be part of this Work of Mercy, call Dana at 724-439-9188 X208

Prayers and Shares!

With loving support from the community far and wide, our project to ensure comfort to the homeless began with an astonishing amount of prayers and shares (social media). To begin, a call went out for metal lockers and was answered by a generous donor. The lockers provide a place to store the few precious possessions needed by individuals who do not have a roof over their heads.

And then, another great idea emerged, woven plastic sleep mats. Over the past two months plastic grocery bags were requested, received, cut into strips, and crocheted into heavy, roll-up mats to provide comfort to those who need it most. One pleasant aspect of this idea is that Vincentians who are not able to actively volunteer are able to use their time and creative talents to continue their mission to the homeless. You are invited to join this group! Mat lessons are held each first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Samaritan's Well.

Think that's all? No, sir! Some of our "shady" friends near the parking lot have become sort of celebrities according to the local news. Just before Christmas, the trees in the green area near our parking lot were designated as "Giving Trees" and so they are. Volunteers wound ropes at various levels on the trees and then attached plastic bags containing gloves, sox, mittens, coats, jackets and other things that might be needed.

Some came and took, and other people came with their articles to attach to the trees. Volunteers staying late one day watched a truck drive nearby and wondered what article the person might decide to take. But no, they watched with tearful eyes as the man hung a warm winter coat onto one.

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EWTN Eternal Word Television Network

National Society of St. Vincent de Paul sent three special visitors in October. One was a TV anchor from Orlando, another was a cameraman from New Orleans, and the third a director from St. Louis.

Throughout the day, they interviewed and photographed and promised that we would be able to see their work in Spring of 2017. We are all excited and wanted to give you a hint of things to come. This is part of an EWTN series. Go to our Web site www.StVincentDePaulUniontown.org for updates and a link to our YouTube Channel.

Hear Fayette Program at St. Vincent de Paul helps people with hearing loss and the Deaf Community.

If you experience indistinct hearing or are unable to understand conversations and telephone talk, you may need a checkup for hearing. It's easier on yourself, your friends, family, coworkers and others to let them know you are having difficulty. If hearing aids are needed, they can help. Assistive devices such as "TV ears" or TV listeners may help for a small investment.

Hear Fayette, our SVdP program, will be on hand Thursdays at the store and Samaritan's Well between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to provide information about ways to afford hearing aids for income eligible persons, free phones, and other devices available that can help you stay in the hearing world.

Technology Days at St. Vincent de Paul's Hear Fayette Program TV listening problems? You will be surprised!

For a hands-on learning and training session, visit the Hear Fayette Program technology team on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. to experience the newest devices to help you hear and enjoy TV, music, conversations, and phone calls.

Hear Fayette Program is located in the Samaritan's Well, the red brick building beside our St. Vincent de Paul Store on N. Mt. Vernon Ave.

(Tech Team will be hosting monthly training sessions. Dates will be posted on www.StVincentdePaulUniontown.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepauluniontown/>).

Volunteer with us. It can be anywhere in any of our activities and buildings. It can be at home. Please call 724-439-9188 and ask for Jody Wells, our Volunteer Coordinator, to talk about your talents and time.

Need a Mattress? Twin and full-size refurbished mattress and box spring sets are available in our Furniture Department, priced at \$129 for twin and \$168 for full.

Our huge showroom of beautiful upholstered furniture has been cleaned and sanitized and repaired. Many chairs, sofas, love seats, tables of all sizes and shapes, even some accessories and antiques are ready for you at great prices. Come in browse! Sit a spell! We now offer layaway!

Spring Cleaning! Don't toss it. We have use for almost everything at SVdP. While cleaning and digging into the junkie in your basement or garage, remember that we also collect metal and metal items to send to recycling centers.

Our hard-working crew also tests items such as small appliances, lamps, and electronics. If it's in great shape, we offer it for sale at the store. If we can't fix it, it's officially broke—but still useable. Broken items are dismantled and metal is removed, separated, saved, and recycled. Hard work equals another income to support our friends who need help.

Thanks! Thanks to all who donate your furniture, clothing, household goods, collectibles, tapes, records, material, etc. that become the inventory for our store.

Thanks for donations of food and money that supply our Emergency Food Pantry.

Thank you for providing your energy, muscle power, ideas, time, talents, and passion as volunteers. The good you accomplish is immeasurable.

Keep Watching! Web site www.StVincentdePaulUniontown.org has been under design, aided by students at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. Our new look will include up-to-minute news, photos, videos, connections to other important links, and will assist visitors to the site to learn what amazing people help us achieve our mission, "To provide help and hope to those in need."

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Our Seasonal Shoppe is shaking off the shivers and thinking Spring!



Shamrocks, Easter Bunnies and other Spring-time events are on our minds and on our shelves! Our inventory changes with the seasons!

Come in and browse! We're in the Furniture Department of St. Vincent de Paul, 62 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown PA. Open daily except Sunday from 10 a.m. till 3. p.m.

We have baskets and baskets of eggs of all colors and sizes! Surprise someone you love with a stuffed bunny, duck, or chick!

