



## All Saints St. Vincent de Paul

### **THANK YOU ALL SAINTS' FAMILY**

**We wish to express our sincere "Thanks" to the wonderful Family of All Saints for your continued support of SVdP and our efforts to help those in need. The following is a letter from one of our families. It will show what we do in YOUR NAME....**

I just had to reach out and share my story/experience with St. Vincent Ministries. You guys went above and beyond to help my family and I in our time of need. My husband was laid off of his job, we were in the process of being evicted. It was a horrific experience that brought my family and I to our knees. My house hold consists of my husband and I and 6 children. Of the 6 children, we have 5 boys and 1 girl. We have 2 sets of twins. 16 year old twin boys, a 11 year old boy, a 3 year girl and another set of 1 yr old twin boys.

We reached out to our Church for assistance with rent or utilities. They took almost a month to respond as to whether or not the approval committee granted our request. Once we heard back from them, we were basically destitute. They responded and not only said we were denied for assistance, but that they were having a hard time verifying we were actually members at the Church.

I found that quite strange as we were assigned membership numbers and were added to the Church Directory. Apparently, the membership number was only to identify our financial contribution and family statistics. My husband and I were completely heart broken and started preparing for the worst.

I saw a United Way flyer at my job and decided to reach out for help. They gave me a referral to St. Vincent de Paul. I was able to leave a voicemail. My call was returned to me within 24 hours. I spoke with the sweetest woman on the phone. She was so empathetic and completely humble. She asked if she could come by our home to complete an application and the interview process. She and her husband came by the very next day.

I was completely surprised by the entire process. They came by, took our application and information, determined what our needs were and what you could offer. By the end of the conversation, she was able to assist us with my utility payment and provided wal-mart gift cards for my children. I was completed humbled by the entire experience. Within 3-4 days I received an alert from GA Power stating the payment had been remitted. I was in shock.

My family and I ultimately had to move, as the eviction process had begun. We are now living with a friend of mine. We are there for maybe another month or so or until we can save enough money for a deposit and first month's rent. I received a follow-up call from SVdP in early December. She told me she wanted to check on me to see how things were.

I advised her of our living situation and how we were working to get back on our feet. She told me in the latest meeting she had, she mentioned we would definitely benefit for some additional help with food, clothes and maybe even toys for the kids. She asked me if/when it was okay to stop by and bring me the socks, food and gift cards we discussed? I was in tears and complete shock that this was actually happening.

I thought to myself, this organization doesn't know me or my family. Yet, they not only gave us the assistance we asked for, but so much more. I truly had a displaced spirit from the rejection of assistance from my own Church. This truly left my husband and I in a dark place. We were starting to question everything. Just when we thought, "no one does anything genuine anymore," there was St. Vincent to our rescue. This organization and everything they represent is truly a testimony of discipleship. If ever we had doubts of what GOD can do and why he does what he does? We don't anymore.

Since your assistance, my husband has been on several interviews and trying to re-join the work force. I have been on multiple Senior Level interviews with the same company.

Things are looking great and in a month or so, our 6 children, my husband and I will be safe and secure in our own place. I have no doubt that there are several programs out there to help people in need, St. Vincent represents so much more to me and my family. More people need to know, we all have a hard time every now and again, but it's how we over come those challenges that adds value to our spirit and soul.

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matt: 25:31-46)*

**THANK YOU !!**