



# “Thank you for caring about me.”

When we meet with St. Vincent de Paul clients, they often say “thank you for caring about me or thank you for giving me hope”. But the true thanks should go to you, the Lourdes community, for generously contributing to our ministry each month - and to our Thanksgiving Meal program in November.

Thank you for providing comfort to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## *How We Help People in Need*

In the past year, the Lourdes SVDP Conference helped **109** families who were experiencing a temporary set-back due to illness or unemployment. Their most common needs were rent assistance, utility bill payment or emergency food provisions.

In addition to providing financial assistance, we provide tools so they can help themselves - and spiritual support.

- Counseling them on budgeting so they can take hold of their finances
- Pairing them up with other resources in the community (like employer listings, health care resources, and food and clothing pantries)
- Praying with and for them

## *The People We Serve*

The Our Lady of Lourdes conference of St. Vincent de Paul helps clients who live within zip code 30312, and parishioners.

Even though they are going through a tough time, our clients are gracious and inspire us. Here’s just one example - a young woman arrived for her scheduled appointment and told us “God provided for my needs in another way, but I wanted to come by and say thank you for caring”. She then handed us a few crumpled bills and asked that we use the money to help someone else.

Never doubt that your donation is making a difference. We thank you and our clients do too.



## *Our Mission*

To empower 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 services.



Interested in becoming a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Lourdes?

Please come to one of our monthly meetings, held on the first and third Sunday of the month at 11:45 am in the Drexel Center. Or, contact Joanne Breough at 770-402-7481 or [jbreaugh@comcast.net](mailto:jbreaugh@comcast.net)

# September Skip the Straw Challenge



Living our faith calls for the Care of God's Creation.

Please join the Lourdes community and **Skip the Straw** for the month of September.

The average person uses 1 straw per day. That is ~ **30,000 straws** Lourdes could eliminate in 1 month!

## Did you know...

- Plastic straws are not recyclable because they are too small for the sorting machines.
- The US consumes 500,000 million straws a day.
- Straws are used for only 20 minutes before being discarded.



## Five Eco-Friendly Alternatives

- 1) Bamboo Straws
- 2) Stainless-steel straws
- 3) Glass Straws
- 4) Paper Straws
- 5) Silicone Straws