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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL KICKS OFF ANNUAL FAN DRIVE
AT CONEY ISLAND ON JUNE 13**

Huntington Bank to Collect Monetary Donations

CINCINNATI, OH – June 5, 2008 -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in cooperation with WCPO-TV Channel 9, Coney Island, Huntington Bank and Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48, is asking Greater Cincinnati residents to help local families in need by donating a fan, new window air conditioner or provide a monetary donation to support the annual fan drive. The goal for this year's fan drive is to collect 500 fans and 100 air conditioners to help provide proper cooling and ventilation to those in need, in the heat of the summer months. Monetary donations will be accepted at Coney Island on June 13 only. Huntington will kick-off the fundraising effort by making a \$1,000 financial contribution. Monetary donations will also be accepted all Huntington Bank branch locations throughout Greater Cincinnati from June 13 through August 10, 2008. All donors making contributions at Huntington banks will receive 20% discount coupons good at any of the six Hamilton County St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores.

Only on June 15, Coney Island will offer a free pool and ride pass valued at \$19.50 in exchange for the donation of a new fan or air conditioner brought to the Sunlite Pool admission gate, or for a minimum cash donation of \$15. Monetary donations will be accepted at Coney Island on Friday, June 13 only. Coney's participation as a drop off site for the Fan Drive will continue through August 10, 2008. Anyone donating a new fan at Coney Island between June 14 and August 10, will receive a free all-day rides wristband, valued at \$9.95.

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“Cincinnati’s hot, humid summer days can take a toll on those in need, especially the elderly, the very young and people with health problems,” said Liz Carter, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. “The support we receive from the community and our partners makes this one of our most successful drives,” she added.

The donated fans & air conditioners will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul’s neighborhood volunteer groups, the West End headquarters and other outlets. As a result of the 2007 fan drive, St. Vincent de Paul distributed nearly 650 fans and new air conditioners to our neighbors in need.

Fans and air conditioners may also be dropped off now through August 10, 2008 at any of the six St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores in Hamilton County & five thrift stores in Northern Kentucky. For SVDP thrift store locations in Hamilton County, more information about the SVDP Fan Drive, or other ways to donate, contact St. Vincent de Paul at 513-562-8841, ext. #225, or visit www.SVDPcincinnati.org. For SVDP thrift store locations in Northern Kentucky, contact the District Council of Covington at 859-341-3212.

About St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has been helping Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County residents in need with the basic necessities of life for nearly 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and financial gaps in their lives through home visits provided by neighborhood-based volunteer groups, and groundbreaking initiatives like the Charitable Pharmacy. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to be a leading community service organization, recently recognized by The CincinnatiUSA Regional Chamber of Commerce as Non-Profit of the Year. For more information, go to www.svdpcincinnati.org.

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