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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES ANNOUNCE
CONVENIENT “CLEAN-OUT & DONATE” WEEKENDS IN JULY**
All Donations Benefit Local Neighbors In Need

CINCINNATI, OH – July 2, 2008 -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in July to collect donations for its local thrift stores at several Greater Cincinnati churches. Each location will have a SVDP Thrift Store truck on-site on Saturdays and Sundays; the truck will be attended before and after Sunday church services for donor-convenience – donor receipts will also be provided.

Donations of gently-used furniture, clothing, shoes, handbags, home décor, toys and household items are urgently needed to stock the new Mason Thrift Store, and SVDP’s five other area thrift stores. Donations and thrift store sales help our local neighbors in need. “Clean Out & Donate” Weekends for July will be:

July 12 & 13 - Assumption, Mt. Healthy and St. Peter & Paul, Reading

July 19 & 20 - St. John Neumann, Pleasant Run and St. Frances de Sales, Lebanon

July 26 & 27 - St. Gertrude, Madeira and St. Bernard, Spring Grove Village

Proceeds from sales at SVDP’s local thrift stores support the organization’s mission of local neighbors helping neighbors. Staff and volunteers visit people throughout Greater Cincinnati and often see people in the most dire circumstances -- parents needing a crib for a newborn baby, families who have lost everything they own to a fire or foreclosure or children needing school clothes or a coat to stay warm.

St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores have been recognized as ‘Best in Cincinnati’ by *Cincinnati Magazine*. For all St. Vincent de Paul thrift store locations & hours, visit www.svdpcincinnati.org.

St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture and cars year-round. All six thrift stores offer convenient donation drop-boxes;

accept drop-off donations during store hours of operation, or pick-ups can be scheduled by calling 513-421-CARE (2273). Tax receipts will be provided for donated items.

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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