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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES ANNOUNCE  
SPECIAL “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” WEEKEND  
JANUARY 23 & 24**

*Need Continues To Increase during Winter Months; Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Are Sought*

CINCINNATI, OH – January 7, 2010 – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekend January 23 & 24 to collect critically needed household items, furniture and clothing. A SVDP truck will be on-site Saturday and Sunday at the following parish:

January 23 & 24: Our Lord Christ the King, Mt. Lookout  
3223 Linwood Rd 45226

The collection truck will be attended before and after Sunday church services for donor-convenience, and donor tax receipts will be available.

The economic downturn is creating a record need for furniture, household items, and clothing while reducing the quantity of items being donated. “The winter months are hard on our local families especially during this economic downturn. While making home visits, we see people living in such dire circumstances – sometimes no dishes or silverware or furniture. Donating gently-used items will go a long way in helping our neighbors get through this difficult time,” noted Liz Carter, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers personally visit needy families and offer assistance, regardless of race or religious affiliation. St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture and cars year-round. Free pick-up service is available for large items. Call 513-421-CARE (2273) to arrange a pick up, or you may drop off your donations at any of the six Cincinnati area thrift stores. Tax receipts are available for donated items. For more information on donating or for a list of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, go to <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/>.

#### 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 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and material 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 Better Business Bureau (BBB) as a Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics winner and by The CincinnatiUSA Regional Chamber of Commerce as Non-Profit of the Year. For more information, go to [www.SVDPcincinnati.org](http://www.SVDPcincinnati.org).

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