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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES ANNOUNCE CONVENIENT “CLEAN-OUT & DONATE” WEEKENDS IN NOVEMBER

All Donations Benefit Local Neighbors In Need

CINCINNATI, OH –October 24, 2008 -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in November 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 November will be:

November 1 & 2 – St. Gertrude, Madeira, St. Jude, Bridgetown and St. Antoninus, Western Hills

November 8 & 9 - St. Dominic, Delhi

November 22 & 23 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, West Chester and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Reading

November 29 & 30 - St. Mary, Hyde Park

Proceeds from sales at SVDP's local thrift stores support the organization's mission of local neighbors helping neighbors. "St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores are an integral part of the community, providing essential items to people in need. We see children with only shorts to wear in the winter, and many families with no chairs, tables, lamps or beds. Those who need help most receive no-cost goods at our stores through a voucher system. Others shop for great bargains, knowing all proceeds help the needy," noted Prentice Carter, Director of Operations, St. Vincent de Paul Stores.

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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