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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS ADDITIONAL SPONSORS FOR 110 FAMILIES IN ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Volunteers Also Needed To Help Make Program A Success

CINCINNATI, OH –November 16, 2007 – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has kicked off its annual Adopt-A-Family program, and is seeking additional sponsors for 110 of the 200+ families in the program. The program helps families in need experience the joys of the holiday season through the generous donations from individuals, families and businesses that sponsor families. During the holidays, St. Vincent de Paul will provide meals and gifts for more than 3,000 low-income families throughout Hamilton County.

For the families & children in the Adopt-A-Family program, who often cannot afford basic necessities, enjoying a holiday meal and gifts would be otherwise impossible. “Items on our family wish lists include things that most of us take for granted, like socks, toothpaste or blankets. It’s just heartbreaking, and really provides an opportunity for individuals, families or businesses to create a memorable holiday experience for someone who desperately needs a glimmer of hope”, noted Liz Carter, executive director, St. Vincent de Paul. Other frequently requested items include kitchenware, bedding, educational toys, bikes, board games and dolls.

In addition to the Adopt-A-Family program, St. Vincent de Paul, through their Bank St. headquarters and over 60 neighborhood volunteer groups throughout Hamilton County, will be providing gifts for hundreds of individual children, and is asking for financial assistance from the community to fund the \$ 50. per child that it spends on holiday gifts.

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St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family Program

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Those interested in sponsoring a family or contributing funds for children's gifts may contact St. Vincent de Paul at 513-562-8841, ext. 227. Financial contributions can be mailed to 1125 Bank St., Cincinnati, OH 45214. Sponsors are provided with a wish list of items for a specific family. The list typically includes toys for the children and household items for the adults, along with clothing sizes for all family members.

Holiday Volunteers Needed

About 20 volunteers are needed on December 7 and 8 to help sort and distribute toys and gifts to children and adopted families. To sign up or for additional information on volunteering, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 513-562-8841, ext. 227

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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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