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

CINCINNATI, OH –November 26, 2008 -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekend in December 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 service as follows 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 SVDP’s six area thrift stores. Donations and thrift store sales help our local neighbors in need. The “Clean Out & Donate” Weekend for December will be:

December 6 & 7 – St. Peter & Paul, Reading

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 – families on tight budgets, the elderly on fixed incomes, the working poor and others. Those who need help most receive no-cost goods at our stores through a voucher system. We are especially in need of furniture and household items at this time. It is not uncommon when visiting a home to see a kitchen without a table or basic appliances like a toaster. It’s even worse when

we see a child without a bed or blankets. With the help of our community's loving neighbors, together we can continue to care for people in need," noted Prentice Carter, Director of Operations, St. Vincent de Paul.

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](http://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 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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