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

*Donations of Furniture and Household Goods are Critical in Helping our Local
Neighbors in Need, Particularly Families With Children In Need*

CINCINNATI, OH – May 17, 2010– The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in June to collect critically needed household items, furniture and clothing. A SVDP truck will be on-site Saturdays and Sundays at the following parishes:

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| <u>June 5 & 6:</u> | St. Martin de Porres, Lincoln Heights; St. Veronica,
Mt. Carmel; Our Lady of Visitation, Bridgetown |
| <u>June 12 & 13:</u> | St. Ann’s, Groesbeck; St. Philip the Apostle, Morrow;
St. Margaret Mary, North College Hill |
| <u>June 19 & 20:</u> | St. John, Deer Park |
| <u>June 26 & 27:</u> | St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Bridgetown; St. James the
Greater, White Oak |

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

Donations collected from the “Clean Out and Donate” Weekends are distributed in the surrounding communities through St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores to benefit those in need throughout Greater Cincinnati. “The majority of the clients we are seeing are families with children who lack the basic necessities of life – they have very little furniture, no dishes or pots and pans. We continue to look to the community at large to help us build our inventory of gently-used basic household items,” noted Prentice Carter, Director of Operations, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. “Gently used items donated at “Clean Out and Donate” Weekends go directly to our thrift stores and make a tremendous difference. We are seeing more families come to us for support and these donations help us provide those local families with the basic items that they need.

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 donations may be dropped off 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.

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