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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNOUNCES 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
RETROFITTINGS EVENT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
*Fundraiser Features New Designer Trunk Show and VIP Section*

**CINCINNATI, OH – AUGUST 6, 2009** -- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in partnership with the University of Cincinnati Fashion Program in the College of Design, Architecture, Art & Planning (DAAP), and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Theatre, announces the 7<sup>th</sup> annual RetroFittings, the organization's signature fundraiser, featuring fashions created by UC Fashion Program School of Design students from St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store finds. Event coordination and fashion show direction led by Sarah Bellamy of Downtown, and Anne Firestone of Mt. Adams.

UC Fashion Program School of Design students, armed with just a \$10 budget, create original fashions by combining an array of items found at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, including clothes, curtains, bed sheets and table cloths. The cutting-edge fashions will be modeled in a professional-style runway show during the event.

RetroFittings will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Theatre in Oakley. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. New for 2009, The RetroFittings fashion show will also feature a designer trunk show – second-hand finds from St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores a VIP section, as well as a live auction, raffle, music, light fare and a cash bar.

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The RetroFittings committee members are Kendra Bach of Anderson Township, Mary Casella of Downtown, Susan Debrul of Hyde Park, Debbie Goldstein of Hyde Park, Tina Hawking of Mt. Lookout, Barb Rinehart of Anderson Township, Kathleen Stutz of Hyde Park, Meg Tarvin of Anderson Township and Gwen Triplett of Ryland, Kentucky.

To date, the event sponsors are: Recycling Group Ltd., Krombholz Jewelers, Cristofoli-Keeling, Inc, Scripps Interactive and Bang-Zoom Design, Ltd. For more information about the event or sponsorship, call 513-562-8841 ext. 225. Tickets for RetroFittings will be available soon at [www.svdpcincinnati.org](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 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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