



St. Philip's Conference - Northern Rhode Island

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Provides Holiday Assistance and Christmas Gifts for Clients

For needy individuals and families in our community, the holidays increase anxiety and concern because they do not have the financial resources to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas for their loved ones. Once again, and in large part, through the generosity of our parish community, SVDP provided the help our clients needed.

SVDP distributed...

- 168 Thanksgiving baskets equaling approximately 8000 pounds of food, valued at \$150 per basket;
- 144 Christmas baskets equaling approximately 6000 pound of food;
- 400 Christmas gifts through SVDP's "Grant a Wish" program, valued at approximately \$12,000.



Including the holiday food baskets, the SVDP Food Pantry served a total of 250 families in November and 225 families in December. SVDP also addressed clients' requests for assistance with fuel, utility, rent and medical bills. Direct client aid for December totaled over \$7,000.

How St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Carried Out Its Holiday Mission

In order to have a successful holiday distribution of food and gifts, SVDP depends upon the work of committed volunteers and the generous support of individual donors, our parish organizations, and community businesses. Our thanks to:

- St Philip's Religious Education Classes.
- The Knights of Columbus/St. Philip Council.
- The St Philip's Men's Club.
- Jaswell's Farm of Smithfield donated apples, carrots and potatoes for all of the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.
- St. Philip's School Students.
- St Philips parishioners provided the "Grant a Wish" gifts and over 100 assisted with assembling Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.
- Those who contributed directly to SVDP, please know, your donations are deeply appreciated and you are in our prayers. We pray for ALL of our benefactors, known and unknown alike.

SVDP Receives Grant, Community, and Donor Support

SVDP has been fortunate to receive grants and support from the community and private donors within the past year. Our thanks to:

- Smithfield Elks Lodge awarded SVDP a \$2,000 grant for 20,000 pounds of food. Pictured right are: Barbara Hines, Past Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge #2359, Sylvia Sabatini, SVDP Pantry Coordinator, Rita St.Pierre, President, State Council Society of SVDP, Jim Carroll, President SVDP/Saint Philips Conference, Darlene Chilinski, Community Service Chair, Elks Lodge #2359, Gerard St.Germain, Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge #2359.



Amica employee Anne Marie Bonnick presents Jim Carroll with Amica Citizenship Grant for \$2500.

- Amica Citizenship Grant - \$2500.
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank "Meat Rescue" program – SVDP partners with Smithfield Stop & Shop Supermarket, obtaining 700 pounds of flash frozen meats monthly for distribution to our pantry clients.
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank - \$1,000 grant to purchase 10,000 pounds of food.
- Rhode Island Foundation Grants - \$2,000 and \$2,300 (limited to purchase of high protein food items).
- Northwest Chamber of Commerce Grant - \$500.
- Panera Bread and North Scituate IGA – weekly food donations of bread and pastries.

Thank you

Thank you for your overwhelming support in 2011 and we ask for your continued help for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2012. Have a holy and happy New Year.

For Information about volunteer opportunities, please contact us at 401-949-2949 or vinnysangels@saintphilip.com

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