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Inspired by Gospel values, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is a Catholic lay organization which strives to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is dedicated to working with other successful non-profit organizations to provide necessary programs and services for clients, giving them the tools to be successful and empowering them to be self-sufficient.

Within the first month of opening, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store developed a diverse collection of programs and services, including English as a Second Language (ESL), Financial Empowerment Courses, Parenting Courses, Stor-E-Time (a pre-school reading program) and free immunizations. Over 850 people have benefited from our outreach programs.

Over the past year, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has served over 20,000 customers and referred 87 families needing financial and/or medical assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store also has provided over \$15,000 dollars worth of clothing, furniture and other household items to those in need, through our Voucher Program.

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT for Donation

Household Goods and Electronics

Small working appliances with the proper electric cord, i.e. coffee makers, blenders

Dishes, glassware, cookware, & utensils

Pictures and decorative items

Working TVs (color and cable-ready only); no console TVs

Furniture: Infant cribs with slats no more than 2 ½ inches apart, Patio Furniture, Non-metal office or home desks in good condition, Bedroom furniture, end tables, Dining tables and chairs, All types of upholstered furniture that are clean, no stains, tears, no broken legs/arms

Clothes and Other Items: Clothing, shoes, accessories, all sizes, all season, Puzzles, boxed toys and games (all pieces)

Bicycles-very good condition only, Books (fiction and non-fiction), must be clean, no broken bindings, no missing pages, no magazines, Travel toiletries, Jewelry

Linens, i.e. blankets, bed sheets, curtains, decorative pillows, bath towels & rugs, etc

Art, pictures & frames, Area rugs, clean no stains or tears

Table linens, Videos, DVDs, CDs, & records – No home recordings, Floor and table lamps, Mobile phones

Donation items we CANNOT ACCEPT

- Personal Items (unless new & unopened)
- Baby Bottles, car seats, or mesh playpens
- Clothing that is in poor condition with stains, tears, fraying, mildew, or mold
- Cosmetics or toiletries
- Medical equipment
- Men’s and women’s underwear or panty hose
- Furniture—Any furniture with broken frames or legs, missing cushions, broken glass, or have pet/smoke odor
- Exercise equipment
- Waterbeds
- Sectional sofas or sofa beds
- Mattresses or bed pillows
- Large office desks
- Outdoor Equipment
- BBQ Grills
- Picnic tables or Lawn Furnishings
- Gas powered lawn or garden equipment (Lawn mowers, edgers, chain saws, etc.)
- Swimming pools or sand boxes
- Swing sets
- Golf clubs and golf bags
- Tents or air mattresses

Other; All major appliances (refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, etc.)

Carpet, Tires or wheels

Guns – real or play

Rollerblades



Information for Seton Service Days event—Nov. 18, 2017

Seton Work site Coordinator — _____ SSD coordinator—Jeri Phillips 214-695-2214

Volunteers: Check in at Seton Church at 8:00am, to get info about the day....then report to front desk of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 10:00am (so you have time to go get a cup of coffee on the way ;)

Service activity will be: restocking and sorting in their donation room from 10:00am-NOON

Things to bring: Wear your Seton Service Days T-shirt (or get one at 8:00am check-in at the church), comfortable “closed toed” shoes, long pants but **NO CARGO SHORTS** or **NO CARGO PANTS**, refillable water bottle, snacks (if desired) **SVDP requires additional registration as “SSD volunteer” at their webpage**

<https://svdpdallas.org/forms/give-join-us-volunteer-thrift-stores>

Seton Service Days — BEFORE... DURING... AFTER...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT and DISCUSSION with Group or Family

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world”

(St. Teresa of Avila)

Things to think about before you head to your worksite: Do I know who else is going to this site? Do we know what we are scheduled to do there? Have we exchanged info & planned a route? What things am I most excited about? What things am I a little anxious about?

Questions for Agency Representative: Who is served here? What do you do for people? How are you funded? What is your job? What part does our community play in your agency? What will we be doing today?

Things to think about while at the worksite: How am I different from the people we serve today?...How am I the same? What are some of the reasons that an agency like this is needed? Am I learning something new today?...information?...skill?

Things to talk about after the work is completed: What did we do today? Where did we see Christ today? What did we learn about ourselves today? To which of the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching did we make a connection today (*can be more than 1*)? Did what I do today make use of the gifts/strengths I have?...if not, what could I do differently next time? Is there anyway for me and other to help work toward eliminating the need for an agency like this (*advocacy*)? How can I continue to serve others (*direct action*)?... on my own? ... as a family?... as a faith community?... as a civic community?... as a global community?...

7 key themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and Episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we wish to highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. (This summary should only be a starting point...)

Life and Dignity of the Human Person – The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity for the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. We believe that every person is precious, that **people are more important than things**, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Call to Family, Community and Participation – The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. **We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society**, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Rights and Responsibilities – The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, **every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities**—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable – A basic moral test of a society, is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers – The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the **right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.**

Solidarity – We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. **We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.** Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

Care for God's Creation – We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. **We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.** This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.