

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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FALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2023

SIMPLE

HONEST

TRUTHFUL

Dear Friend,

St. Vincent de Paul Society has experienced a significant increase over the past fiscal year in the number of families being served at our food pantry. This is due primarily to the ever-rising costs in food, utilities, fuel and housing, making it more difficult for our neighbors to meet simple, basic needs.

The approach to our Fall Fundraising Campaign in 2023 is a **simple, honest and truthful** approach with you, our friends, who have so generously supported us through the years in our dedicated mission of helping our neighbors in need in the communities of Whiteside County. We are truly grateful for your past support and generosity.

The simple, honest truth is that more and more of our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet and they need our help. Unfortunately, food insecurity is rising in Whiteside County. We have served approximately 72% more individuals with food this current fiscal year over the previous fiscal year. This year alone we have provided food to 15,664 of our neighbors, up from 9,114 of last year. We also helped 457 families with utilities, fuel and medical prescriptions. To continue to meet the nutritional and financial needs of our neighbors who are struggling requires your help. Without continued support from friends like you, we could not do what we do. They count on us!

We honestly and fully realize that these are trying times for us all. We sincerely hope you are able to support us with a donation this year; but if you are unable to do so, we totally understand. We simply ask for your prayers that our mission continues on to help our neighbors in need. *Thank you and may God bless you.*