



Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Thank You for Your Generosity!

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas More would like to thank all parishioners and ministries for your generous support in the fourth quarter. Because of you, we were able to keep families in their homes, prevent water, gas, and electricity shutoffs, and provide food through our pantry, which is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm behind the church.

Impact This Quarter:

- **\$5,924** in rental assistance for six families
- **\$1,610** in utility assistance for three families
- Served an average of **35 – 40 families per pantry**, and over **70 families** at the Thanksgiving and Christmas pantries.
- Thanksgiving: turkeys and all the fixings for 50 families; gift cards for others
- Christmas: toys and gift cards courtesy of the Angel Tree

Monthly pantry expenditures averaged **\$1,239**

We were blessed with **\$3,885 in parish donations**, including **\$1,000 from the Knights of Columbus**, and a **\$5,000 grant** from the Orange County Council of St. Vincent de Paul. Your support truly makes a difference.

One Family's Story:

In early December, two of our members visited a family in crisis. The father works hard at a local hotel, earning about \$2,500 a month. His wife is bravely battling cancer and receives disability benefits, while their daughter had been earning \$1,200 as her mother's caregiver. A simple tax filing error overstated their income and failed to list the daughter as a dependent. That mistake caused the state to revoke her caregiver benefits and disrupt her mother's Medi-Cal coverage. While Medi-Cal was eventually restored, the family lost a critical source of income. They were told nothing could be done—but we explained how to amend their tax return and helped them start the process to restore benefits. We also connected them to our food pantry. Still, they were short on rent and needed \$1,000 to keep their home. Because of your generosity, we were able to help.

This is what your donations do—they bring hope when families feel hopeless. They keep the lights on, food on the table, and dignity intact. Every dollar you give writes a new chapter of hope for someone in need.

As Jesus reminds us:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” – Matthew 25:35

Your gift today can change a life tomorrow.

To donate, visit the e-giving portal on the church website. To volunteer, call **949-331-1020** or email volunteer@svdpstm.org. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

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