



The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for St. Thomas More would like to thank all the parishioners and ministries who donated to our ministry in the third quarter. Without your support, we wouldn't have been able to provide much needed assistance to keep families in their homes, or keep them from losing water, gas, or electricity services. In addition, we help them secure food through our food pantry, which is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the back of the church.

For the quarter ending September 30th, we deployed \$4,590 in rental assistance to help eight families with housing needs. In addition, we deployed \$3,237 to help four families pay their utility bills. And we served an average of thirty five families at each of our Food Pantries by partnering with Second Harvest of Orange County. This is down from roughly fifty families per month due to ICE concerns. In line with this, our monthly pantry expenditures averaged \$1,035.

We were blessed with \$14,204 in donations from our parish community, including \$4,000 from the Knights of Columbus and \$5,000 from the Hispanic Ministry. In addition to parish donations, we received a \$5,000 grant from the Orange County Council of St. Vincent De Paul. The donations and grant were very much needed. Prior to third quarter, funds were very low, forcing us to pause rent and utility assistance for several weeks. We expect to receive more requests for rent and utility assistance as the economy continues to soften, inflation continues, and we hear of more layoffs. So thank you again. Without your help, we wouldn't have the ability to provide this much needed assistance.

If you're interested in learning more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how you can get involved, please call 949-331-1020 or email us at volunteer@svdpstm.org. If you'd like to donate, you can do so through the e-giving portal on the church website.

Thank you so much and God bless.

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