



## **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:**

- **\$9,261.37** in rental assistance for eight families
- **\$1,925.82** in utility assistance for four families
- Served an average of **40 – 45 families per pantry**, and we had approximately **50 families** at the pantry preceding Easter, where we gave each family a \$25 Target card to buy an Easter ham.
- Thanks to the food drive, and a large food donation from a parishioner, monthly pantry expenditures averaged **\$258** per month, down significantly from an average of **\$1,239** per month in the third quarter.

We are humbled and grateful. This quarter, parishioner donations totaled **\$20,770**, including a profoundly generous **\$10,000** gift from the Lam Charitable Trust. God is good — and so are you.

### **One Family's Story:**

Last quarter, two of our members met with Brittany at a coffee shop near UCI—a simple setting for a conversation that represented anything but a simple journey. Brittany is a survivor of domestic violence. Since last November, she and her young son had been living at a shelter in Irvine, taking things one day at a time. In that time, she did not stand still. She re-entered the workforce, rebuilt her confidence, and secured a new apartment where she and her son will finally have a place to call their own. She was asking for help with her deposit and move-in costs—the last obstacle between her family and a fresh start. Our members came away from that meeting struck by her resilience and clarity of purpose. She knew exactly where she had been and exactly where she was going. Because of your generosity, we were able to help her get there.

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.

Sacred Scripture reminds us:

**"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come." — Proverbs 31:25**

**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](mailto:volunteer@svdpstm.org). Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

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