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St. Joseph's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society

Following is a very brief synopsis of our conference's works in 2018.

At the start of 2018 we were helping 10 families in distress that included 12 adults and 19 children. By May 2018 we had provided enough help, advocacy and encouragement that helped 7 families to reach self sufficiency leaving us with 3 families which increased to 5 families and is currently at 4 families.

Our members conducted over 200 visits to provide food, clothing, sometimes bus passes, a furnace (donated after a member phoned around), fuel oil, gas for a generator, transportation to appts., advocacy, love and friendship.

We conducted 3 food drives in the parish that provided over 6500 lbs. of food to our food bank serving the disadvantaged and homeless. One of our members, Carlo Silverio, transports donations to our food cart to the food bank as required. We estimate this provides another 1500- 1700 lbs. to the Social Concerns Office food bank.

Additionally , we have sponsored masses for our families, planned and conducted parish fund raising dinners, monthly collections, emergency visits and aid at the request of admin., Father and parishioners.

Two of our members volunteer in choirs, one as an usher, others at masses for gift presentation etc.

Our conference also sponsors "Mocha Day " once a month at the 9-10 club, a soup kitchen operating out of part of the basement of St. Andrews Cathedral. Our volunteer mixes 1/3 hot chocolate with coffee, swirls whipping cream on top in a peak, tops it with chocolate sprinkles or others sometimes in a shape commentating the event.e.g. heart for Valentine's day, Cross for Easter, etc. It is a huge hit and has become somewhat famous on the street.

We support two other conferences in third world countries. One in South America (Columbia) and overseas in India. Twice yearly we send funds to assist them in caring for those with nothing in those countries.

There are scores of other works too numerous to mention that required our 8 volunteers to spend over 2100 hours in volunteer works. Please thank them when you see them. We have gained two new members this year but need more help desperately. Current members are; Stephanie Peters, vice president , Nansy Marsiglia, treasurer, Ruth Neuman, Secretary, Tom Hughes , Twinning (past treasurer), Barbara Strong, Don Glas (choir as well), Irene Zulich and myself.

I trust this will give you an overview of our conference's works.

Serving together in hope,  
Robert Strong, President  
St. Joseph's Conference of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul.