

### MEETING CRISIS WITH CHARITY

s of January 2019, California estimated that 151,278 people were experiencing homelessness, a 16% increase from the previous year. Organizations have been rehoming more people now than ever before, but why is the homelessness number continuing to rise? With skyrocketing costs of living and a lack of affordable housing, many people have been succumbing to homelessness for the first time. St. Vincent de Paul of Los Angeles (SVdPLA) wants to close this pipeline. Through home visits done by our Vincentians in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara County, we are uniquely able to address the specific needs of individuals on the brink of homelessness to keep them off the streets. Driven by faith and community support, SVdPLA has provided rental/bill-paying assistance, furniture, clothing, groceries, hot meals, bus tokens, educational resources, laundry tokens, hotel nights, a friend to talk to, and much more. Homelessness has become a humanitarian crisis, but SVdPLA will take on any act of charity to end it.

"I appreciate knowing we have family-like support, compassion, and empathy."

-A Friend in Need

#### THE CIRCLE V RANCH COMEBACK

After closing for two years due to damages caused by the Whittier Wildfire, Circle V Ranch Camp reopened for their 2019 summer session. "Our staff and I are all so blessed to be able to welcome everyone back again," said Camp Director Ray Lopez.



Circle V Ranch Camp has made the outdoors accessible to children of all backgrounds since 1945. "Camperships" allow children to have this traditional camp expereince without burdening families with the cost.

#### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

he vision and prayerful example of Blessed Frederic Ozanam have inspired and touched the lives of millions for nearly two centuries. Still, a bird's-eye view of today maps out sprawling streets dotted with the tent cities of ever-growing homelessness. More people are falling into poverty than are exiting. As Vincentians, this serves as motivation to continue our mission to end homelessness with more tenacity and compassion. SVdPLA is uniquely capable of helping with any act of charity, from bill-paying assistance to furniture donations. This is why, especially in a year paved with crisis, our communities need SVdPLA more than ever. Thank you for helping us feed, clothe, house and heal.

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Blessings,

**David Garica**Executive Director of SVdPLA

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**Ray Sweet**President of SVdPLA

#### **SVDPLA STATS**

#### **Cardinal Manning Center Provided:**

**101,518** Meals

15,881 Shelter Nights

**25,135** Drop-in Visits by Unhoused Individuals

**6** Family Reunifications

43 Residents with Permanent Housing

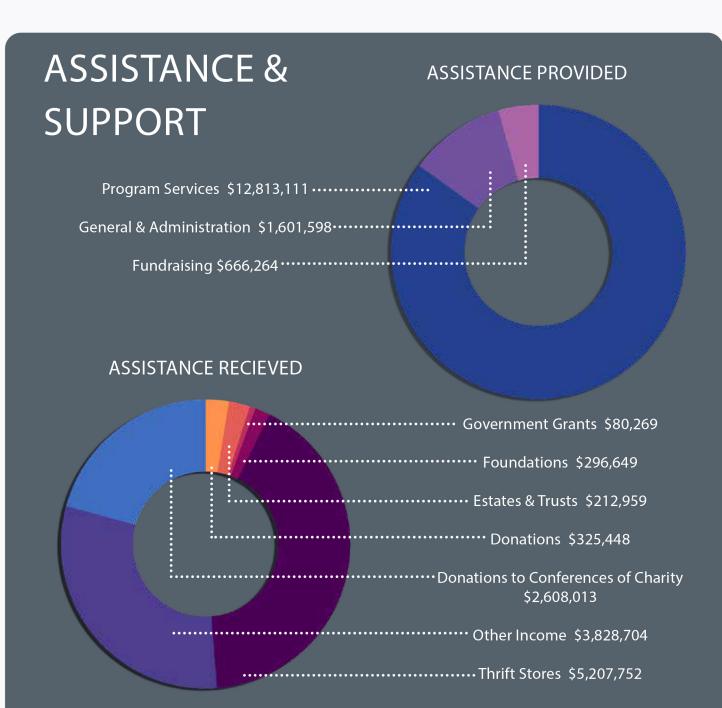
#### **Vincentian Services Provided:**

SVdPLA's volunteers made **38,972** visits to **75,533** people in need last year.

They provided **\$2,608,013** towards homeless prevention and relief services throughout Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara County.

#### **Thrift Stores Provided:**

Our Thrift Stores in LA and Long Beach gave \$99,864 worth of free merchandise to 2,579 familes in need.



# OUR MISSION

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