St. Vincent de Paul Society
Resurrection Parish
5th Sunday Collection – January 29, 2017

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2016, Resurrection Parish continually reached out to those in need through the efforts of the SVDP and lots of volunteers (many of whom are parishioners). These efforts were fully funded by the parish through the Fifth Sunday collections and a few anonymous benefactors. We have no over-head costs; we do all for love of neighbor.

A recent letter from the Redwood Empire Food Bank reported:
- SVDP acquired 416,122 pounds of food (the equivalent of 346,768 meals), including 242,352 pounds of fresh produce, and 4,833 pounds of protein at no cost through our Protein Initiative. [The Protein Initiative grant expired, so our cost will go up in 2017.]
- The estimated wholesale value of the food was $592,011.
- The total fees paid were $21,572, saving SVDP $570,439.
- For every $1 paid in fees, SVDP received an estimated $27.44 in value.

In addition, we purchased thousands of pounds of rice and beans in bulk, which were bagged by various volunteers (e.g., the Altar Society, Cardinal Newman students). At Thanksgiving, we were able to provide 300 families with a turkey, vegetables and staples. At Christmas, each family received 10 pounds of beef, vegetables and staples.

This year, we were once again able to provide backpacks and shoe vouchers for parish families who needed a helping hand for back-to-school.

Working in conjunction with the SVDP thrift store in Rohnert Park, we were able to provide emergency assistance with clothing and household items to a number of individuals. We also provided a limited amount of overnight emergency housing assistance.

YEAR AHEAD

The needs brought to our attention are varied and urgent in nature. The ONLY reason that we can meet those needs is YOU! Through YOUR generosity, we are God's hands! Please prayerfully consider giving to the SVDP's 5th Sunday Collection on January 29th. GOD BLESS YOU!

With deepest gratitude,
The Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society