

## **Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*"Inspired by gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule."*

*"Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and jus tice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."*

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Our St. Mary's Conference was reactivated in February of 2014. Since that time we have recruited 29 members and we have made 120 home visits, giving assistance in terms of food, clothing, furniture, prescriptions, car repair, gas, help with utility bills and some rental assistance to over 350 people. All of the work done is volunteer and we rely entirely on donations to help those in need.