

St. Vincent de Paul OLV/St. Mary's Conference Annual Report

Members of the former OLV Charity Board reactivated our membership in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in January 2014. We elected and appointed officers and went through training provided by the Southwest District Council President and other members of the Council. We began our spiritual formation as a group at our bi-monthly meetings through prayer, scripture reading, and faith sharing.

Beginning April 3, 2014, we had our first home visit. Our work is totally dependent on the grace of God, donations, and fund raising. Our fund raising efforts have been the Shoe Drive in March 2014 and the International Dinner (including a silent auction) in October 2014. In March 2015, we were blessed by receiving 5% of the proceeds from OLV's annual Dinner Auction, plus proceeds from the live auction of a Traeger barbecue grill, that was donated by Campbell Tractor in Nampa. In addition, we receive funds from private donors and businesses and a portion of the first Sunday second collection at Mass.

All of our service to help those-in-need is done voluntarily by our members, so you can be assured that 100% of your donations go to those we serve. Our clients also receive food from St. Clare's Food Bank and some assistance from OLV Outreach. Our clients also receive vouchers for clothing, merchandise, and furniture through the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in Meridian and Boise. Some clothing is provided through vouchers at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store in Nampa.

The table below summarizes our service in terms of volunteer hours, mileage, numbers of people helped and money disbursed to help with utility bills, rent, prescriptions, emergency motel lodging for homeless individuals, gas, etc. The total for money disbursed to help our clients **does not include** the in-kind value of food, clothing, household goods, and furniture that has been given out this past year. (The SVdP fiscal year begins October 1st of each year.) Our Conference also sponsored the special projects of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner serving over 200 people and the giving out of around 100 Christmas Baskets.

Fiscal Quarters	Month & Year	# of People helped	Money Disbursed	Volunteer Hrs. of Members	Volunteer Mileage
Quarter 3	April –June 2014	105	\$4,764.48	499	2,782
Quarter 4	July-Sept. 2014	132	\$7,137.36	533	3,765
Quarter 1	Oct-Dec. 2014	227	\$5,075.00	*855	4,999
Quarter 2	Jan-March 2015	267	\$9,538.99	582	4,059
TOTALS	April 2014 - March 2015	731 people	\$26,515.83	2,468 hours	15,605 miles

***Note: The volunteer hours in Quarter one included all non-member volunteers who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Baskets in 2014.**

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry to the poor could not be done without the support of the entire parish through your prayers and donations of money and goods. May God bless you all for your compassion and generosity!

