



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Since 1954 St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has provided services to meet critical needs of Lane County residents. In 2009 the agency served over 84,000 people through four main program areas.

Emergency Services: Everyone falls on hard times. Whether it's due to layoffs, family illness, natural disasters, or any other life challenges, people need a place to turn during times of distress. For over 50,000 people in Lane County, SVDP's Social Service Office is that place. People have access to the following services:

- Food boxes and brown bag lunches
- Utility assistance
- Rent assistance
- Help purchasing prescription medication
- Propane vouchers for heating
- Bus tokens
- Free clothing, household goods, appliances, beds and furniture

These services are made possible through the support of over 2,000 volunteers, who visit with people in their homes or during a trip to the Social Service Office to make sure they get the best information possible.

Homeless Services: The Lane County Human Services Commission's One Night Shelter Count in 2010 showed that 3,971 people in Lane County are homeless on any given night. This includes 607 families and 317 veterans. SVDP has several programs to address the needs of our homeless neighbors:

- The First Place Family Development Center is a day center for homeless families with children.
- The Interfaith Night Shelter program partners with faith communities to provide night shelter to homeless families during the school year.
- The Eugene Service Station is a day center for homeless singles. The facility allows people to take showers, cook meals, search for housing and employment, and meet other basic needs.
- The Egan Warming Center providing night shelter to homeless people during extreme cold weather. People are sheltered in churches when the temperature drops below 28 degrees.
- Overnight Parking Program provides legal camping, free garbage disposal, and portable restrooms for homeless families and adults living in their vehicles.

These programs served over 4,000 people in 2009.



Affordable housing: In order for children to succeed in school, adults to succeed at work, and seniors and veterans to live with dignity, they all need a place to call home. SVDP provides beautiful, quality, affordable rental housing to 950 households in Lane and Marion counties. Programs include:

- Permanent affordable rentals for people who need an affordable place to live.
- Most properties benefit from an on-site Resident Services Coordinator who is a resource to families and provides educational and recreational opportunities for children.
- Connections Transitional Housing provides intensive case management to help formerly homeless families succeed in housing.
- LIFT and Vet LIFT provide intensive case management to families and veterans recovering from addiction, mental illness and homelessness.
- The Rural Housing Rehabilitation Program helps low-income homeowners finance critical repairs to their homes.
- Our Individual Development Account program helps people learn financial literacy skills and save to purchase a home, make critical home repairs, start a business, or obtain a college education
- Second Chance Renter's Rehabilitation program helps people with poor rental and/or credit histories gain the tools they need to find table housing.

Self-Sufficiency Services: People must have steady employment and decent wages to move out of poverty. Employers need a skilled, consistent workforce. SVDP achieves both these goals through our Self-Sufficiency Services program, which helps people with multiple barriers to employment find work. Self-Sufficiency Services partners with over ten government agencies and 50 local businesses to provide the following programs:

- Vocational Rehabilitation provides skills assessment, training, job placement and support services for adults with multiple barriers to employment.
- Administrative Skill Set Employment Training focuses on advanced training in clerical skills for people pursuing office employment.
- Work Readiness Assessment Program, Community Work Experience for Youth, and Summer Work Experience and Training provide work experience programs for youth.
- Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have enabled SVDP to provide job training for homeless families and individuals.
- Supported Work Experience provides job training for people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- Ruby Tuesday provides disadvantages women with clothing and mentoring to help them succeed in the workplace.

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