

St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho

Annual Report 2019



Our Mission

At St. Vincent de Paul: We help people in need by assisting with food, housing expenses, clothing, furniture, and other basic human needs through your generous donations of goods, food, volunteer time, and financial support. Together, we prevent homelessness in Southwest Idaho.

A Note from our Leadership

Dear Supporters,

First, we wish to thank all who have graciously volunteered time and generously donated financial resources, food, clothing, household goods and the like to St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho. Without these wonderful gifts, our work would not be possible.

Our mission and services are focused on proactively meeting basic human needs which translates into preventing homelessness. We offer these services on a person-to-person basis, extending friendship and understanding to those in need while also providing tangible assistance like financial aid, food, and household goods. Our services are provided by a team of 1,600 volunteers and 55 employees. Our work is fueled by the resources from thousands of individuals, church groups, employee groups, Idaho Food Bank and EL-ADA, local grocery stores, charitable foundations, and local corporations.

Entering 2020, we planned to focus on expanding services that help people escape the cycle of poverty. One of these programs, BACK2WORK, is aimed at helping individuals move from minimum wage jobs to “living wage” jobs. The other program is Immersion Reentry, directed at mentoring and coaching individuals coming out of prison to better acclimate to our community and to become productive citizens. With the advent of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we refocused on responding to basic needs such as housing and nourishment. Requests for assistance with rent, utilities, groceries, medical bills, transportation, household needs, etc. increase dramatically as families struggle to make ends meet in times like these. We are confident that this pandemic will ultimately be overcome and that our community will get back to work. With your help, our organization is up to the challenge of helping our neighbors persevere in this health crisis and resulting economic fallout.

This annual report provides you with additional insight into the many services we offer and introduces you to some of the individuals we helped.

Again, a warm thank you to our volunteers, donors, and employees. Your help is priceless.

Ralph

Ralph May
Executive Director

Jack

Jack Dahl
President



2019 A Year of Preventing Homelessness



40%
of Idahoans
struggle
to make
ends
meet

many don't have a
safety net and are
1 Financial Crisis
from Homelessness

*ALICE Report 2018

8 Major
Program
Focus Areas

2 Programs with
Big Changes in
2019 to better serve

1 Brand New
Program
Back2Work



101,195 Visits for food
That's **\$2,073,000** in food!



1,600 Volunteers
clocked **120,032**
hours of service!

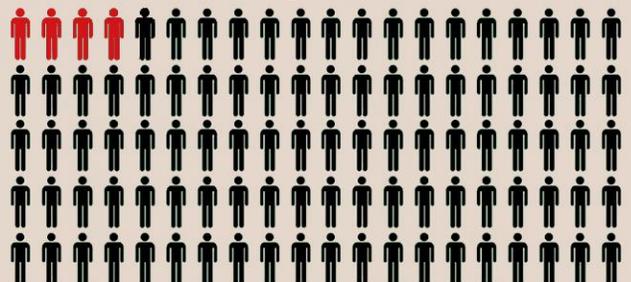


8,834 Person to Person Visits
Serving **24,182** people



\$519,320 in direct financial
aid focused on keeping
people in their homes

4% Employees



96% Volunteers

Programs & Services

HOME VISIT PROGRAM

24,182
People
Assisted
in 2019

The Home Visit Program is at the core of St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho. Volunteers go in pairs to meet clients in need in their homes. The personal visit allows our volunteers to understand each person's needs and provide the best combination of direct financial and in kind assistance. We also offer understanding and friendship. Most commonly we provide:

Rent - Utilities - Clothes - Furniture - Household Goods

No two home visits are exactly alike because each and every person or family has a unique struggle that they are facing. That's why we customize our services for each visit.

Preventing Homelessness

The home visit program works to prevent evictions, keeping our neighbors in their homes and off the streets. It's proactive work to get ahead of the problem!

A Network of Charity:

To effectively serve the many communities in Southwest Idaho, we have a system of volunteer groups called "conferences" spread across the area. These eleven conferences are assigned zip codes.

When clients call our help line, the operator sends the request to the appropriate conference so our volunteers can help neighbors who are in need.



Cyann's Story

A Family Rebuilt

Cyann's meth addiction started at age 18. She felt trapped by the drugs for over twenty years.

During this time, she had several children including twin boys who were addicted to meth at the time they were born.

She lost custody of her kids and served a prison sentence. It was the wake up call she needed.

Once released from prison, she started with nothing.

"I had nothing, the clothes on me, that was it"

Cyann reached out to the St. Vincent de Paul Helpline, looking for a hand up.

Our volunteers met with Cyann, assessed what she needed and how we could help her find success. This included help with the deposit for an apartment, furnishings, clothes, and more.

"I've never had that kind of love before in my entire life"

Thanks to the help from St. Vincent de Paul, Cyann has stayed sober, regained custody of her children, and is happier than ever before.



1,497
Prison and
Reentry Visits



IMMERSION REENTRY SERVICES

When men and women are released from incarceration, there are many roadblocks preventing them from being successful productive citizens. We are dedicated to identifying these potential setbacks and assisting the newly released on their way to a better, balanced life.

These services we provide actively reduce the rate of recidivism and prevent homelessness.



What's Recidivism?

This is a metric used to track what percent of individuals return to incarceration after release in a given timeframe.

Services that we provide:

- Pick up from Jail/Prison on day of release
- Clothing Voucher for our Thrift Stores
- Employment Assistance
- Resource referral
- Additional needs assessment

A destructive path:

After Kathy's family moved during her teenage years, she began picking up some destructive habits while trying to fit in. This behavior soon escalated into drug and alcohol addiction.

Sad but not uncommon, Kathy was unable to escape addiction as it dominated her life well into adulthood.

Even after losing custody of her children, she was unable to stop using.

Kathy hit 'rock bottom' when she was arrested and sentenced to serve time in prison.

After her release from incarceration, Kathy reached out to St. Vincent de Paul Immersion Reentry Services for assistance.

“ St. Vincent de Paul just had so much faith and hope in me that I knew I could do it ”

Now clean and sober, Kathy is rebuilding her career and healthy relationships with the help of St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho Immersion Reentry Services.



**Kathy
Reiman**
Saving a Life

Watch Kathy's
Full Story Here



2,300
Families Helped
Monthly. That's
\$2,073,657
worth of food
in 2019

FOOD PANTRIES

From

Eating

to

Eating Healthy

In 2019, we refocused our Overland Food Center to emphasize nutrition and healthy living.

After removing most sweets and pastries, we began serving fresh fruits and vegetables as well as meats and other foods high in macronutrients. This was combined with a healthy eating newsletter, recipes, information screens, and other nutrition messaging.

We look forward to continuing this approach in 2020 to better serve our neighbors in need.

We have food pantries providing food to the community in:

Mtn. Home - Boise - Meridian - Nampa - Caldwell



THRIFT STORES

When you *Donate Items*:

You are preventing homelessness by giving items that can be purchased at a low price by individuals in need, and often are given to our clients at no cost. In 2019, we gave \$267,000 in donated items directly to clients.

When you *Shop*:

You're shopping where it matters! Proceeds go to support our programs! Every purchase contributes to our unique and customized services that work to prevent homelessness. Our thrift stores also provide employment for over fifty individuals! Many of whom have barriers to employment and would struggle to find employment elsewhere.

When you *Volunteer*:

Helping here is powering change for individuals in need. Whether repairing bikes or sorting clothes, it's preventing homelessness.



Our six thrift stores act as social enterprises.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS



A reliable hot meal in a safe space can make a huge difference for individuals in need. That's why twice a week we host community suppers at our dining hall on Overland Road. This is a chance for people to come together and share a meal!

9,480 Meals
Provided in 2019



THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROJECT

This program brings together the entire community with the goal of making sure that families can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner together.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations put together boxes with everything needed to cook Thanksgiving Dinner.

In 2019, we served 12,640 individuals with this program



CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

At St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho, we believe that every child should be able to celebrate Christmas.

That's why we operate two stores where parents in need can come and choose a gift and stocking stuffers for their children!

3,463 Kids, ages 0-18, received gifts through this program in 2019



When school wraps up for the year, many parents who rely on the free and reduced price school meals suddenly struggle to make ends meet and provide for their families.

Thanks to a USDA grant, we are able to operate 2 summer feeding locations in Mtn. Home. This feeds over a hundred kids every weekday!

MTN. HOME SUMMER LUNCHES



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DE PAUL

BACK 2 WORK

Back2Work is the newest St. Vincent de Paul program, launched in Fall 2019.

“We are even more proactive about preventing homelessness by getting ahead of the crises through connecting participants with living wage jobs”

Our Back2Work coordinator, Jamie Nguyen, not only connects participants with living wage jobs, but also provides coaching on resumes, interview skills, personal finance, and other ‘soft skills.’

Learn more about this exciting new program on our website www.svdpid.org



PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

The cost of prescription medication can be crippling for individuals who are battling poverty or on a fixed income. We believe people should be able to access the medication that they need.

Our Prescription Assistance Program, or PAP, helps navigate the red tape of federal programs to help secure these critical medications at no cost to the client.

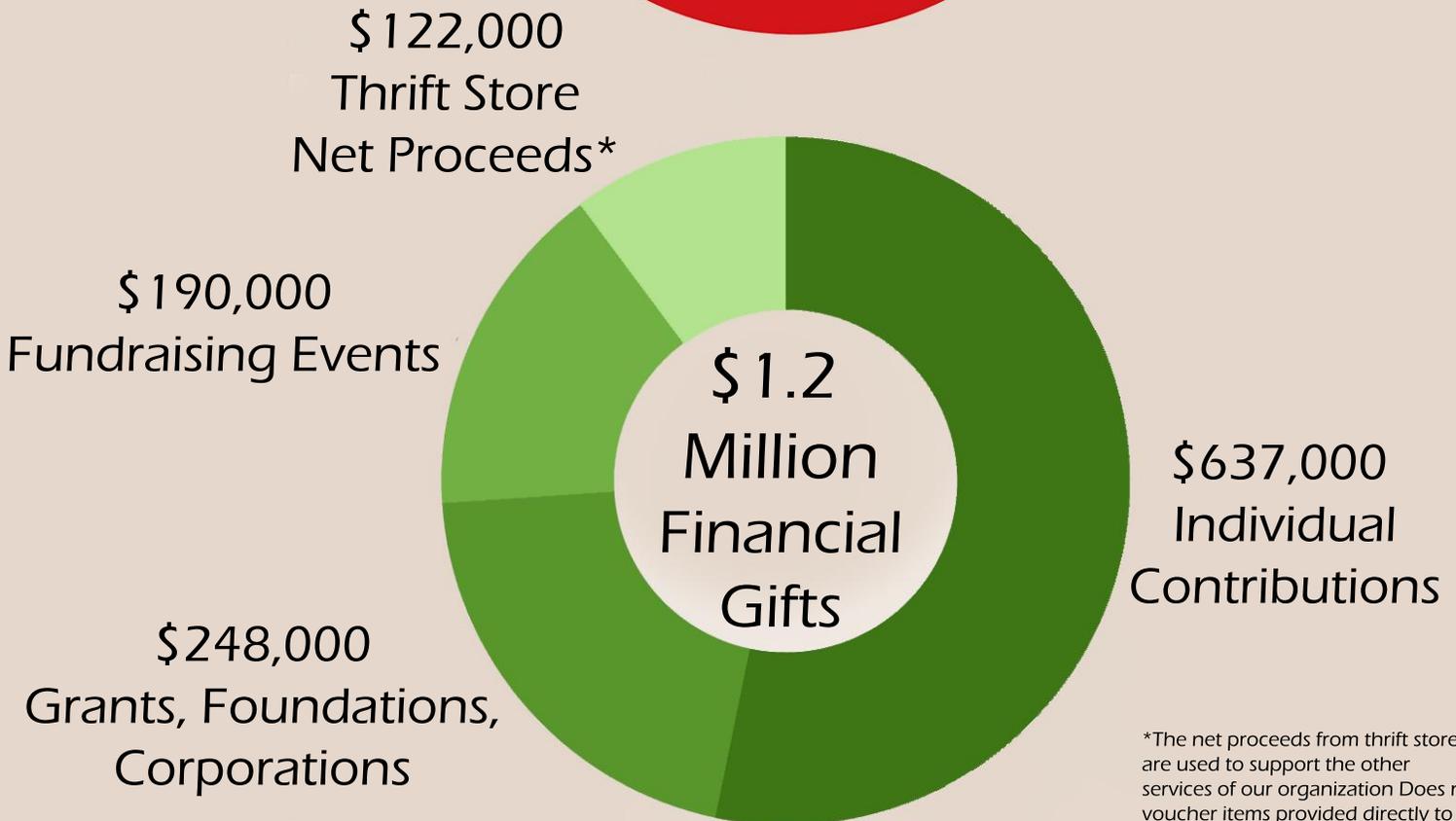
We secured \$706,112 in prescription medication in 2019



Financials

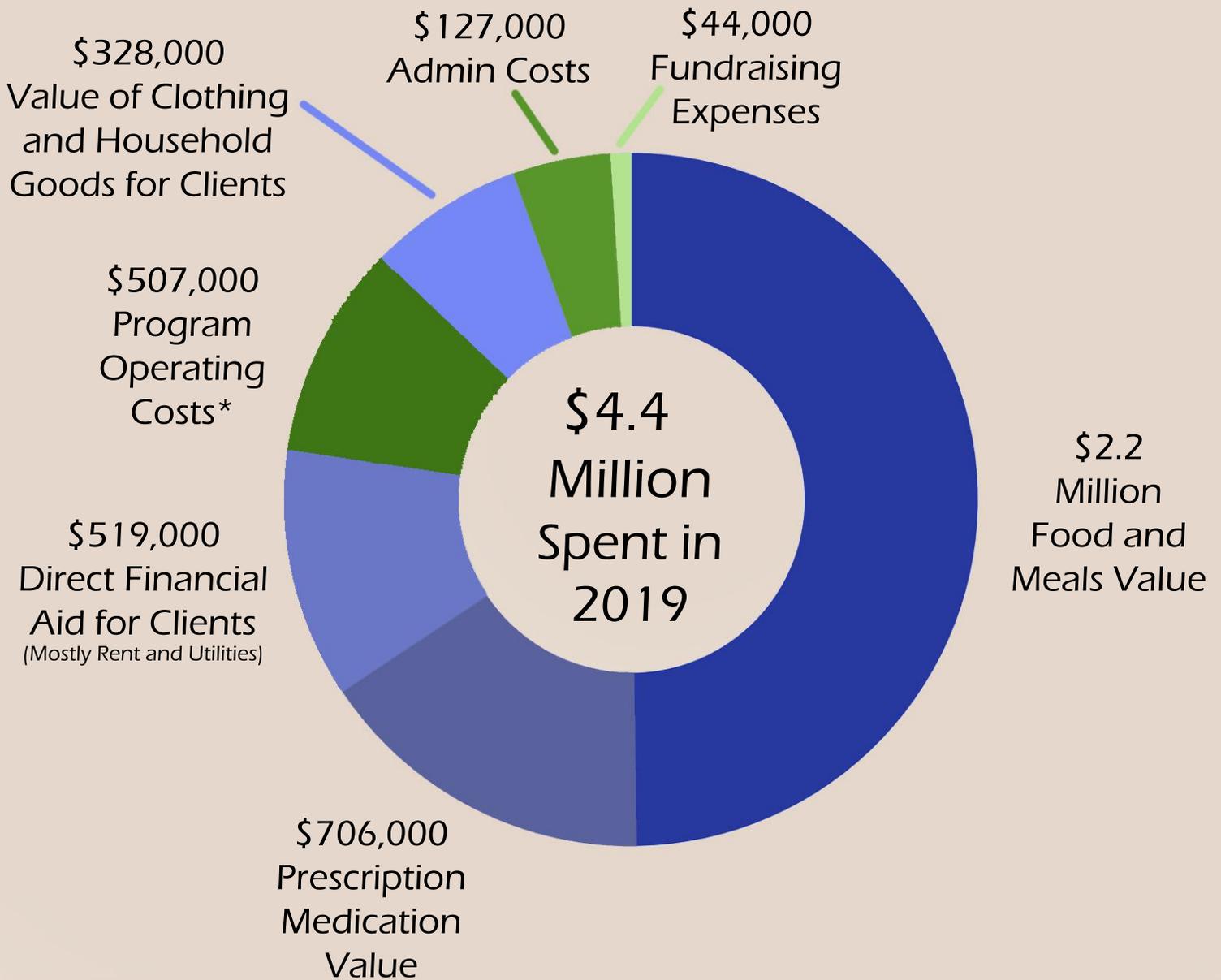
WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM IN 2019

- 73% In-Kind Gifts
- 27% Financial Gifts



*The net proceeds from thrift stores are used to support the other services of our organization. Does not include voucher items provided directly to clients.

HOW WE USED RESOURCES IN 2019



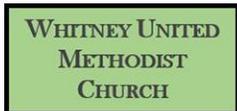
*Program Operating Costs Include; the facility and staffing expenses associated with the food pantries, dining hall, reentry services, BACK2WORK, employment services, and prescription assistance
 *Thrift Store Operating Expenses are accounted for separately as social enterprises

The good works of St. Vincent de Paul would be impossible without the collaboration and support of our partners, sponsors, and foundations. When we collaborate, we can provide superior assistance to our neighbors in need throughout Southwest Idaho. Thank you to each and every organization, business, and foundation who make St. Vincent de Paul possible.

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