

*“Be kind and love, for love is your
first gift to the poor. They will
appreciate your kindness and
your love more than all
else you bring them.”*

*~ Sister Rosalie Rendu,
Co-Founder
The Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul*

2014 Annual Report

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh**



Our Mission. . .

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering. Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice and collaborate with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes making no distinction in those served.



St. Vincent de Paul

Our History. . .

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year old student of the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. Challenged to "practice what they preached", Frederic and a group of fellow students sought out the poor in Paris in their homes and brought them bread, clothes and, most importantly, friendship. This small group took as their Patron the great French priest, St. Vincent de Paul.

Similar groups began to form in Paris, and then spread throughout France, and eventually throughout the world. In 1845, the first U.S. Conference was formed in St. Louis, Missouri. Seven years later (1852) the first Conference was started in the heart of Pittsburgh. Today there are 107 Conferences within the Diocese of Pittsburgh with more than 1,000 members.

Our Members. . .

We are young and old. Our members come in every shade of skin color. Some of us are wealthy, some are financially poor, but all of us are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need.

We are part of an international society of friends united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings, and adherence to a basic Rule. Energized by the awareness that service to our brother or sister in need is in fact an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are keenly aware that poverty, suffering and loneliness are present for millions in our communities. For that reason, we collaborate with all who seek to relieve need and address its causes.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society recognizes that it must assume, also, a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Some 12 million persons are helped annually by Vincentians in the United States. The list of services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States is endless. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. To quote our patron, St. Vincent de Paul: "*Charity is infinitely inventive.*"

A Letter from our Diocesan Council President. . .

Dear Friends:

I became the servant leader of the Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh on October 1, 2014. Under my predecessor, Pete Jeffrey's leadership we established 3 active board committees to oversee and guide the Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh. These included Formation, Stores & Operations, and Finance & Governance. A Vice-President, reporting directly to me, chairs each committee.

When I took office on October 1st, we added a fourth board-level committee to better oversee and support the important work of our Michael's Place/Path to New Life program. Following the lead of our national council, we also established a new Voice of the Poor Subcommittee (under Formation). I look forward to working with all of these committees, our Board of Directors, our District Council Presidents, and our Conference Presidents during the next three years to support and advance the important mission and work of The Society. I plan to visit each District Council and attend at least one meeting during the year and I have already begun this process.

The 2014 fiscal year was a difficult one for the Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh and, as you will note from the financial report on page-10, we experienced a financial net loss of \$82,859. A number of factors contributed to this loss including: lower annual thrift store sales due to major highway construction projects which limited access to our Monroeville and Castle Shannon stores; the Ebola Crisis at the end of 2014 which significantly inhibited our ability to ship recycled clothing to overseas markets; and a smaller number of collectable bequests compared to previous years. While fiscal year 2014 was a challenge, it was by **no** means a crisis and we continue to have very strong cash reserves. We anticipate a stronger financial position in fiscal year 2015 as the above issues are addressed and resolved and we continue to successfully grow and diversify our revenue streams.

Other priorities for the coming year include:

1. Full implementation of our Voice of the Poor subcommittee to identify and raise community awareness of critical issues affecting people in poverty in order to advocate on their behalf with our elected officials.
2. Working with our National Council to develop a viable local Systemic Change Initiative that provides families and individuals with the skills, resources, and support they need on their self-directed journey out of poverty.
3. Identifying and recruiting new Vincentians, especially young adults. We kicked off this effort with a "How To" presentation and workshop at our November 2014 Meeting of Conference & District Council Presidents.

This past December, Pope Francis met with Vatican employees and asked them to do 10 things to make 2015 better. One of the 10 suggestions was to *"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker. . .the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."* As Vincentians, as "Apostles of Charity," we should strive to do this every day.



Al Bannon

Yours in Vincent & Frederic,

Al Bannon

Al Bannon, President
Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh



Vincentians - Fortified By Prayer. . .

During this past year, the leadership of the Pittsburgh Council continued to emphasize the spiritual dimension of the Vincentian Vocation. We have done this during retreat days, through formation classes, and at training sessions for lay spiritual directors.

I would like to focus once again on the prayer life of a Vincentian. I realize that most Vincentians are long time prayers. In fact it may have been their prayer life that motivated them to become Vincentians in the first place. However, one's prayer life changes with the different seasons of life. A child prays differently than an adult. A single person has a different focus than a married person. I have often reflected on the last lines of Zechariah's prayer in chapter one of St. Luke's Gospel. I will use this passage to help us understand God's mercy and how we can show that mercy to others.

***"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace."***

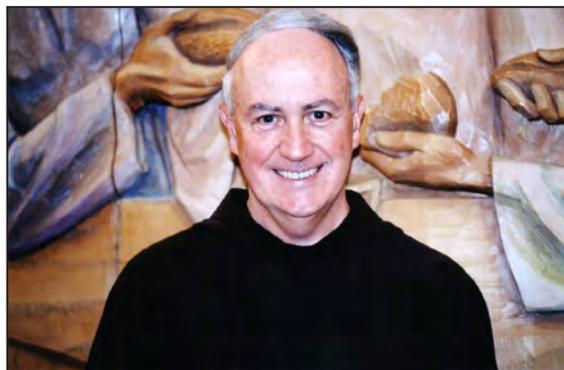
Some people grow up with a bad image of God. They picture God as a tyrant who is out to get them. Or they believe that God is indifferent to all the suffering in the world. The more I pray the words: ***"In the tender compassion of our God,"*** the more I realize that God wants the very best for me. I don't always know how or when God is going to help me but repeating the words: ***"The dawn from on high shall break upon us,"*** helps me to believe that God will tell me what to do when I am ready. ***"Shall break***

upon us" reminds me of a piñata that children hit with a stick at a fiesta. When the piñata finally breaks open, the candy and the toys fall upon the children to their great delight.

"To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death." These words help me to pray for the people who need my prayers. They also challenge me to serve those who need my help. When I meet them, I want the love, the joy, and the mercy that I have experienced to shine through me so that during our encounter they experience ***the tender compassion of God.*** God uses Vincentians to bring light into the lives of people who find our world a dark and scary place.

When we say to God: "Here I am Lord, I've come to do Your Will," God will ***"guide our feet into the way of peace."*** People, who have been Vincentians for a long time, will tell you that they are amazed how God uses them to bring peace to people. The fruits of a good prayer life are peace, joy, justice, compassion and gratitude. Fortified with prayer, Vincentians can take on the challenges of our modern world knowing that God walks with them and St. Vincent de Paul is pleased that they are keeping his dream alive.

~ Fr. Scott Seethaler, Capuchin
Spiritual Advisor for The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Council of Pittsburgh.



During 2014, the SVdP Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh. . .

- Supplied **2,745** clothing vouchers to individuals in need.
- Provided burial assistance to **19** indigent persons.
- Provided **\$113,509.74** to assist **708** households with electric, gas, water, heating oil, and propane utility bill payments.
- Aided **12,267** walk-in and referral clients with basic needs assistance in the form of clothing, furniture, rent, and utilities, and other-agency referrals.
- Provided **\$30,000** in twinning assistance to the SVdP Conference of Southern West Virginia to help individuals and families in need with clothing, furniture, rent, and utility payments.

Reflections from a Michael's Place Resident. . .

It is often said in recovery that **Gratitude** is an action word. I've always been the type of guy that responds to that by saying, "No, actually it's a noun". Such are the thoughts of a guy who thinks he has all the answers. That's the attitude that I came to Michael's Place with in June 2014. I had been recently discharged from my 6th Rehab in 18 months and I thought that I was recovering just because I hadn't gotten drunk or high yet. I wanted to celebrate what felt like a new lease on life by enjoying my summer. Basically I had plans for how things were going to go. However, when I arrived here on a Wednesday afternoon no one asked me what my plans were. I was going to have to follow a different plan. I would have to enroll in an outpatient rehab facility, and complete the intensive 12-week program. I was required to punctually be at the dinner table each evening, and then attend an AA or NA meeting with the house right after. My room was to be kept clean. I would have to keep an hour-by-hour schedule of the things I was going to do each day, which would have to be approved. I wasn't happy about any of this. The first few hours I spent asking questions: So what can I do? What can't I do? When can I do the things that I can't do now?

The reality of my situation was not apparent to me. I had no place to live or sleep. I had no money. I had no way of getting the simplest

of things like toothpaste, shampoo, sheets and a pillow. But because of those same reasons I begrudgingly went along with my situation. I didn't make my bed or keep my room clean and I complained a lot, but I went along. Against my will I settled into a routine. I made friends at the meetings I was going to each week, and I started working with a sponsor on the 12 step program. Eventually, I completed the 12-week outpatient program and found a part-time job. My life started to improve and has continued to do so each day that I've stayed clean and followed the plan that wasn't mine. Somewhere along the way, gratitude started to become more important to my process.

There's another thing that is said in recovery to new people who are just coming in. It is said that if, on your first day clean, you write down all the things that you want in 1-year you will be amazed a year later by how much you short-changed yourself. As I am writing this I will have 1 year clean in 11 days, and I could never have imagined a year ago all the things that I have in my life today. It surprises me and even overwhelms me sometimes, and it is impossible to feel that without feeling grateful for all of the help that I've received; most of it that I didn't even ask for. It didn't occur to me, on that Wednesday afternoon, to ever say "**Thank You**", but it does today. Noun or verb, gratitude is something that shows up in my actions now. It can be as small as making a bed each morning, because I'm lucky to have one; or by taking

someone new to the house to a meeting, but the important thing for me is that I'm aware of why I am doing those things: help was given to me when I didn't ask for it and maybe didn't even deserve it. Michael's Place did things for me that have allowed me to build a happy life for myself. I feel inclined to return the favor.



During 2014, Michael's Place served. . .

- 27 men between 21 and 55 years of age.
- 17 new men entered in 2014. 4 directly from jail; 11 from substance abuse treatment centers; 2 from psychiatric treatment.
- 11 men participated in vocational training or other schooling.
- 9 men left Michael's Place during the year with full employment.
- 26 of 27 men reconnected with family; 7 with their children.
- Michael's Place currently has 3 alumni on staff; 1 is serving as a Service Coordinator.

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Michael's Place is a voluntary residential program, operated by The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, for homeless ex-offenders who want to change their lives and are ready to commit themselves to making the difficult changes that will lead to a productive future.

Residents are offered a safe, drug-free environment and receive support in developing basic life skills that will enable them to transition to positive, independent living and employment. Affirming the ideals of Saint Vincent de Paul, Michael's Place fosters compassionate healing through a comprehensive approach that addresses the spiritual, physical, psychological and social well-being of the residents.

Conference Services & Finances

	Disbursements	People Served	In-Kind	Service Hours
BEAVER COUNTY DISTRICT				
St. Blaise	\$ 4,242.00	715	\$ 2,200.00	2,000
Christ the Divine Teacher	\$ 21,536.00	929		192
St. Frances Cabrini	\$ 4,348.96	139		64
Good Samaritan (Christ the King)	\$ 16,357.00	1,152	\$ 8,420.00	1,040
St. John the Baptist (Baden)	\$ 4,475.00	282		96
St. John the Baptist (Monaca)	\$ 12,667.00	1,135	\$ 20,155.00	1,211
Our Lady of Fatima	\$ 17,932.00	1,163	\$ 2,923.00	620
District Totals:	\$ 81,557.96	5,515	\$ 33,698.00	5,223
BUTLER COUNTY DISTRICT				
St. Andrew	\$ 4,300.00	23		-
St. Ferdinand	\$ 19,065.00	232	\$ 26,640.00	260
St. Fidelis	\$ 10,517.00	974	\$ 20,250.00	3,711
St. Gregory	\$ 7,950.00	533	\$ 1,100.00	1,233
Holy Sepulcher	\$ 10,856.06	106		699
St. Kilian	\$ 38,803.00	4,176	\$ 72,500.00	3,310
St. Michael the Archangel	\$ 10,726.00	17,874		
St Michael*		76	\$ 1,259.79	306
St. Paul	\$ 9,730.00	349	\$ 3,088.00	658
District Totals:	\$ 111,947.06	24,343	\$ 124,837.79	10,177
CENTRAL DISTRICT ALLEGHENY				
St. Bartholomew	\$ 3,774.52	235	\$ 2,525.00	96
St. Gerard Majella	\$ 9,497.00	162		94
Good Shepherd	\$ 22,603.00	696	\$ 6,000.00	468
Holy Cross	\$ 810.00	193	\$ 410.00	218
Holy Trinity (W Mifflin) - St Agnes	\$ 3,231.50	109	\$ 545.00	247
St. Irenaeus	\$ 22,032.00	487	\$ 900.00	606
St. Jude the Apostle	\$ 15,154.00	1,079	\$ 1,040.00	227
Madonna del Castello	\$ 21,848.00	177		214
St. Maurice	\$ 4,145.09	21	\$ 14,100.00	281
North American Martyrs	\$ 15,739.00	481	\$ 270.00	800
Queen of the Rosary	\$ 2,189.00	113		800
St. Robert Bellarmine	\$ 7,890.00	432	\$ 3,000.00	266
District Totals:	\$ 128,913.11	4,185	\$ 28,790.00	4,317
CENTRAL DISTRICT PITTSBURGH				
St. Bede	\$ 20,012.00	945	\$ 440.00	600
Downtown Cluster	\$ 11,515.00	586	\$ 80,225.00	796
St. Charles Lwanga	\$ 8,300.29	2,341		879
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 19,057.56	145	\$ 19,060.56	160
Our Lady of the Angels	\$ 16,163.00	774		150
St. Rosalia	\$ 2,892.14	839	\$ 9,300.00	410
Sacred Heart (Shadyside)	\$ 31,601.00	758		2,318
St Maria Goretti	\$ 5,190.00	108	\$ 110.00	245
St Stephen	\$ 4,774.00	29	\$ 355.00	94
District Totals:	\$ 119,504.99	6,554	\$ 109,490.56	5,652
LAWRENCE COUNTY DISTRICT				
Frederic Ozanam (SVdP Parish)	\$ 6,697.00	1,080		260
St. Joseph the Worker	\$ 4,501.00	158	\$ 54.00	250
Mary, Mother of Hope	\$ 12,287.00	1,064		300
St. Vitus	\$ 10,780.00	2,858		1,500
District Totals:	\$ 34,265.00	5,160	\$ 54.00	2,310
NORTH EAST DISTRICT				
St Pio of Pietrelcina	\$ 40,511.00	1,226	\$ 4,100.00	2,000
Holy Family	\$ 4,516.00	85	\$ 100.00	300
Holy Martyrs	\$ 29,864.00	336		237
St. Joseph (O'Hara)	\$ 9,521.00	60	\$ 7,040.00	310
St. Mary of the Assumption	\$ 33,818.00	2,507	\$ 55,000.00	2,409
Our Lady Most Blessed Sacrament	\$ 19,602.00	668		338
Our Lady of Victory	\$ 9,867.70	46		40
St. Scholastica	\$ 6,017.00	54		360
St Juan Diego	\$ 38,917.00	6,476	\$ 181,565.00	5,413
St. Victor	\$ 28,112.01	144		
District Totals:	\$ 220,745.71	11,602	\$ 247,805.00	11,407

Conference Services & Finances

NORTH WEST DISTRICT	Disbursements	People Served	In-Kind	Service Hours
All Saints	\$ 10,737.00	927		205
Assumption	\$ 34,232.00	5,820	\$ 13,000.00	2,500
St. Athanasius	\$ 14,351.00	1,986	\$ 1,224.00	775
St. Bonaventure	\$ 14,253.79	487		
St. Catherine of Sweden	\$ 14,220.00	141		987
St. Cyril of Alexandria	\$ 6,203.00	460		
Holy Spirit	\$ 2,848.00	84	\$ 2,200.00	70
Most Holy Name of Jesus	\$ 13,910.00	494	\$ 1,810.00	
St James	\$ 12,051.00	495	\$ 5,235.00	348
St. Peter	\$ 4,587.11	218		100
St. Richard	\$ 15,427.00	179		212
Sacred Heart (Emsworth)	\$ 5,362.00	100	\$ 1,053.00	122
St. Sebastian	\$ 23,047.00	983	\$ 59,974.00	1,805
St. Teresa of Avila	\$ 54,865.00	3,131	\$ 6,780.00	3,107
St. Ursula	\$ 13,363.00	104	\$ 0.00	107
District Totals:	\$ 239,456.90	15,391	\$ 91,276.00	10,238
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT	Disbursements	People Served	In-Kind	Service Hours
Ave Maria	\$ 9,230.00	430	\$ 2,800.00	2,100
St. Albert the Great	\$ 5,454.00	193		426
St. Anne	\$ 45,633.00	1,894	\$ 31,920.00	1,951
St. Benedict the Abbot	\$ 21,350.00	1,394	\$ 8,190.00	653
St. Bernard	\$ 29,865.00	237	\$ 6,875.00	846
St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin	\$ 51,297.00	1,787	\$ 16,890.00	1,064
Immaculate Conception	\$ 22,238.00	1,850	\$ 1,260.00	706
St. Joan of Arc	\$ 19,577.00	1,470	\$ 36,662.00	3,900
St. Maximilian Kolbe	\$ 25,925.00	1,607	\$ 46.00	332
Nativity	\$ 7,842.08	139		212
Our Lady of Loreto	\$ 7,013.00	560		160
Our Lady of the Valley	\$ 7,447.46	234	\$ 2,250.00	2,117
St. Pius X	\$ 15,926.00	628	\$ 1,780.00	310
Prince of Peace	\$ 17,237.52	462	\$ 825.00	1,500
Resurrection (Brookline)	\$ 33,316.00	1,126	\$ 1,800.00	1,500
St. Therese of Lisieux	\$ 9,955.60	147		
St. Thomas More	\$ 21,813.91	5,577	\$ 1,910.00	1,880
St. Valentine	\$ 30,128.00	350	\$ 75.00	950
St. Winifred	\$ 21,283.00	343		202
District Totals:	\$ 427,723.18	21,026	\$ 113,283.00	21,763
SOUTH WEST DISTRICT	Disbursements	People Served	In-Kind	Service Hours
Ascension	\$ 8,240.00	901		1,823
St. Catherine of Siena	\$ 23,887.09	1,008	\$ 14,000.00	3,050
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	\$ 41,826.00	95	\$ 59,150.00	3,996
Guardian Angels	\$ 26,845.00	448	\$ 706.00	546
Holy Child	\$ 21,361.00	4,257	\$ 7,840.00	2,867
Holy Trinity (Robinson)	\$ 8,369.00	182	\$ 15,300.00	915
St. John of God	\$ 29,917.00	942		426
St. Joseph (Coraopolis)	\$ 7,601.00	495	\$ 2,350.00	108
St. Malachy	\$ 12,258.00	293	\$ 3,680.00	515
St. Margaret of Scotland	\$ 8,346.00	753		527
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,443.97	128	\$ 160.00	130
Our Lady of Grace	\$ 21,584.81	3,817	\$ 15,700.00	1,493
St. Pamphilus	\$ 7,430.00	3,575	\$ 11,865.00	72
St. Philip	\$ 28,739.00	2,348	\$ 32,200.00	3,460
District Totals:	\$ 248,847.87	19,460	\$ 162,951.00	19,928
CONFERENCE GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 1,612,961.78	113,236	\$ 912,185.35	91,015
# of people served by SVdP Central Office:		19,553		
# of people served by SVdP District Councils:		28,214		
TOTAL # of PEOPLE SERVED:		161,003		

Vincentian Twinning Gives HOPE to a Family. . .

Last year, a parishioner phoned me and said her neighbor needed help with her electric bill. Her power was about to be shutoff. I thought to myself, *"Really? Not again! Another call from a family waiting until the very last minute to seek help."*

Accompanied by a conference member and before knocking on the door, we stood on the porch and noticed the run-down condition of the home. Once the door opened, I was taken aback, realizing that I knew this family!

Eight years earlier, while I was helping with our parish RCIA program, I had met this woman and her children. I remembered the hush that fell over the meeting room as the mother walked in with her two children. The lines on her face and her worn clothing revealed a very difficult life. Yet, her smile lit up the room! Accompanying the woman were her two teenage children. Her son, born with Spina-bifida, was destined to spend his entire life in a wheelchair. Her daughter, also with a bright smile like her mother, was hugging a stuffed Kermit the Frog. She seemed very nervous and scared. We learned that she had the mental capacity of a 5 year old. I remember feeling guilty for not thanking God enough times for my own two healthy sons. After introducing her family, the woman lowered her eyes, fought back tears and proceeded to tell us how, three weeks earlier, she had buried her husband who had suffered a massive heart attack and died at home. Tears welled-up in my eyes too, as she told her story and I realized how insignificant my problems were. I apologized to Jesus for past complaints. I also asked the Lord to guide me that perhaps one day I might be in a position to help this family. Little did I know. . .

This was the same family from eight years ago! Again, I asked the Lord for forgiveness, due to my preconceptions of this call for help. After introductions and catching up on life, we got down to business and uncovered a dire situation. This family was mired in the "cycle of poverty" and living day-to-day with no plan. It was soon obvious that several poor financial decisions were made. I tried not to find fault, for this family was only trying to survive. All three members of this family, with many

health issues, were on SSD and living on approximately \$3,000 per month. This income did not come close to meeting their financial needs. I gave the son credit for having a part-time job and the mother was looking for work.



Along with the shut-off notice, the house was scheduled for sheriff's sale in 3 months, due to delinquent taxes. Upon the death her husband, the family's auto body business had to be sold and all the proceeds went to back taxes. In order to "survive", loans were taken out and credit cards used to meet everyday living expenses. There was also a "clerical mix-up" at Social Security and the son's benefits were suspended for a year. The family was only able to recover a portion of the suspended payments. Their overwhelming debt approached \$200,000 and \$3,500 was immediately needed to prevent the sheriff's sale.

As the initial home visit ended, we walked to our cars in silence. We knew that our conference finances would allow us to help a bit, but we did not have enough to prevent the impending sheriff's sale. We thought, "What in the world will happen to this family?" We decided to pray about the situation and talk in a few days. In the meantime, we paid the family's past due utility bills and purchased fresh food to put in their refrigerator. At least they would have heat, light, something in their stomachs, and their television as their only form of entertainment.

Through our prayer, we all came to the same conclusion; having a history of twinning to help other conferences, we knew it was time for our own conference to ask for help in paying this family's delinquent tax bill of \$3,500. We submitted a request for twinning assistance and were "semi-hopeful". However, never in our wildest dreams, did we expect the response we received!!

Two councils and twenty conferences came to this family's assistance by twinning an amazing total of \$10,750! We were humbled!

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This incredible response, from our fellow Vincentians, gave this family more than financial assistance. . .it gave them **HOPE!**

Were we able to solve all of their financial woes? No! However, we were able to purchase the precious gift of "time", and we continue to work with this family to develop a plan for the future. We are exploring subsidized handicap accessible housing; teaching them how to live on a budget; and working with the son to help him find his passion for his life's work. This family, ever so grateful, cannot believe that people, they never met, took the time to help them. While our conference members received the "hugs" and witnessed the "tears of HOPE", we all know that those

hugs and tears were created by and intended for those generous unknown donors to our Society and the two councils and twenty conferences, that answered our call for help. God Bless!

*Ray Haskins, President
St. Kilian Conference*

The Importance of Home Visits. . .

In all my past efforts to assist non-profits, I think that home visit was one of the most meaningful to me. I used to think just sending someone a check would be enough. But I found out just how much that visit really meant, at least to the couple we met, who were really struggling to make ends meet. Holding back tears, the wife said she hadn't heard such

kind words from anyone; that no one truly understood their desperate situation, until now. I have to tell you, that single, simple half hour visit touched me in a big way. I couldn't help thinking about that family all week long, and even now. It was a powerful experience, and made me think that a personal visit (in some ways) might be even more essential and needed than the actual donation itself.

*Mark DeAndrea
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference*



Friends of the Poor Walk Continues to Provide Important Funds. . .

38 SVdP Conferences participated in the **4th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk** in the Fall of 2014. Thanks to individual sponsors and the generosity of **UPMC Health Plan; PNC Financial Services Group; Henderson Brothers, Inc. Herbein+Company, Inc., and**

Wolbert Auto Body, Inc., a total of \$46,669.50 was raised to support direct services and assistance to local individuals and families in need.

Participating parish conferences in 2014 included: Christ the King (Good Samaritan); Frederik Ozanam; Good Shepherd; Holy Angels; Madonna Del Castello/Word of God; Mary Mother Of Hope; North American Martyrs; Our Lady of Guadalupe; Resurrection; Sacred Heart (Shadyside); St. Anne; St. Athanasius; St. Bede;

St. Bernard; St. Blaise; St. Catherine of Sweden; St. Charles Lwanga; St. Fidelis; St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin; St. James; St. John Of God; St. John the Baptist (Baden); St. John the Baptist (Monaca) St. Joseph (Coraopolis); St. Joseph The Worker; St. Juan Diego; St. Maria Goretti; St. Monica; St. Patrick; St. Philip; St. Richard; St. Sebastian; St. Stephen; St. Teresa Of Avila; St. Thomas More; St. Ursula; and St. Vitus.



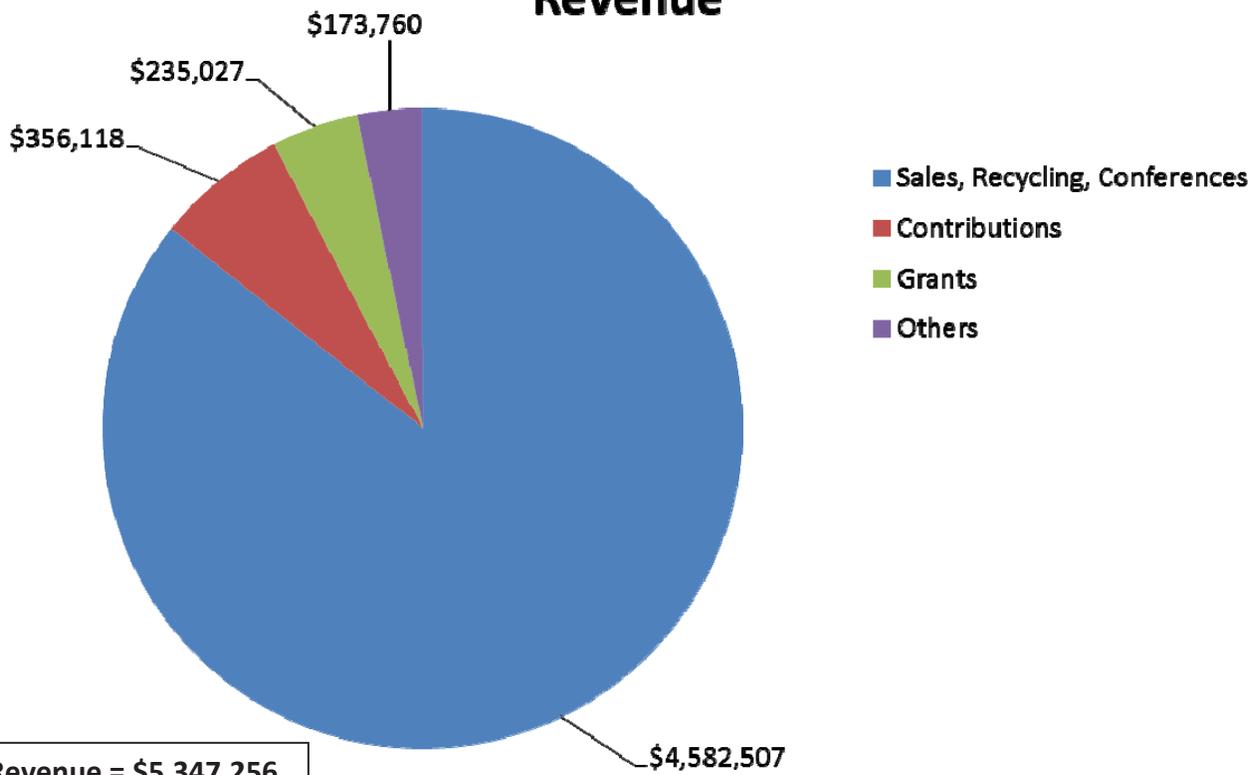
During 2014 our Northside Food Pantry. . .

- Distributed **148,285** pounds of consumable goods.
- Served **3,710** eligible North Side residents whose income level was 150% of the federal poverty level.
- Provided **419** individuals with grocery-store gift cards to assist with purchasing Thanksgiving dinner.
- Provided **447** individuals with a variety of new wrapped Christmas gifts and toys during the holiday season.

Revenue & Expense Summary*

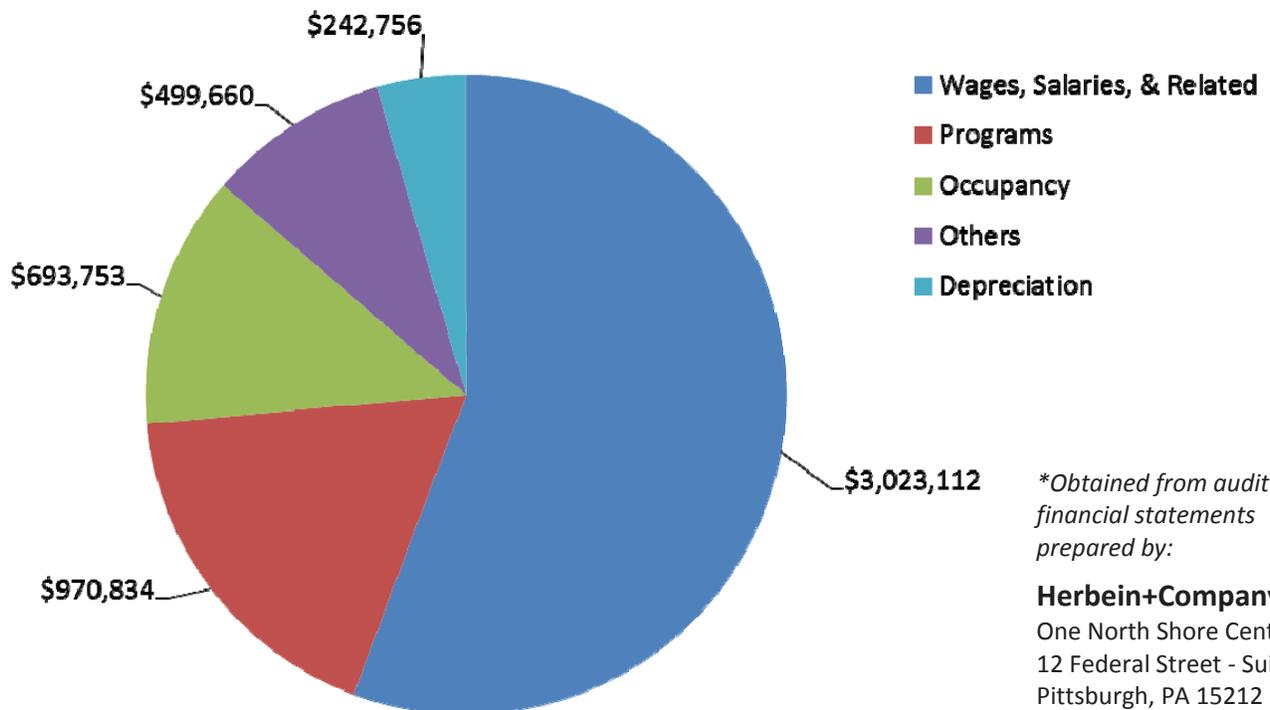
October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014

Revenue



Total Revenue = \$5,347,256

Expenses



Total Expense = \$5,430,115

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