

How does St. Vincent de Paul help the working poor?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been reaching out to the working poor through a broad array of services since 1946.

With a network of community volunteers, the Society provides food, rent and utility assistance, and other basic items to low-income individuals and families in central and northern Arizona. Last year, more than \$2 million in direct aid was provided to needy families. These direct-service programs are often a last defense against homelessness for families trying to make ends meet.

St. Vincent de Paul Virginia G. Piper Medical & Dental Clinic provides medical and dental care to working poor, uninsured adults and their children. Services include primary and specialty medical care; education and prevention programs; and dental care for adults and children. Last year, the Clinic handled more than 12,000 patient visits.

To feed the hungry, St. Vincent de Paul currently provides about 3,200 meals per day in its five Society dining rooms and at 18 other non-profit agencies that do not have adequate kitchen facilities of their own. Last year, more than one million meals were served to homeless and working poor men, women, and children.



To support the vital work of alleviating hunger among many families and children in Arizona, the Food Reclamation Center collects food items donated by grocery stores and community food drives throughout Maricopa County. Last year, about ten million pounds of donated food were processed through our center. This food was assembled into emergency food boxes and distributed to low-income families and individuals or prepared into meals served at the Society's dining rooms and other area non-profits.

The Society also operates 14 thrift stores in central and northern Arizona. New and gently-used clothing, furniture and household items can be purchased at affordable prices by the working poor and the general population. For some, direct assistance is provided at no cost. The market value of this direct assistance was more than \$220,000 last year.

We continue to deliver our services in a cost-effective manner. We are helped in doing this through the 240,000 hours given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by our dedicated volunteers, who willingly share their time and gifts in service to others. Consequently, we are able to invest more than 90 cents out of every dollar into our programs and services.

Help us continue to serve those in need through your Charitable Tax Credit contributions.

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For helping the poor you deserve some credit, including some tax credit.

The **ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT** allows you to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit, up to \$400 if you file a joint return, on your Arizona state income tax when you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For those filing a single tax return, the tax credit is up to \$200. This means your dollars can benefit the working poor, whom St. Vincent de Paul serves, yet it won't come out of your pocket! And you'll receive the added satisfaction of knowing you're helping others.

How does it work?

It's quite simple! To take advantage of this tax credit:

- Itemize your charitable contributions.
- Establish a baseline year for charitable giving (as early as 1996).
- Increase your charitable giving over your baseline year.
- Make your check payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

For example, if you itemized your charitable deductions in 1996, that is your baseline year and the amount you deducted would be your baseline amount. Tax credit is earned for donations above the baseline dollar amount.

So, if your baseline dollar amount is \$2,000, then you must give \$2,400 or more in total contributions to receive the full \$400 tax credit if you file a joint return. If you didn't itemize your deductions in 1996, then your baseline year would be the first taxable year after 1996 when you itemized your charitable deductions. (A new baseline year would also be established if filing status changed due to divorce, marriage, death of a spouse or a change of residence.)

What does this mean?

It costs you nothing to donate to the good work of St. Vincent de Paul! A tax credit reduces your final tax liability. It comes right off the top of your state tax bill, lowering the amount of money you will pay. So although your charitable contributions increase, your tax liability is decreased by the same amount — up to \$400.

There is a simple form (AZ Form 321) that you must complete and include with your state tax filing in order to receive that tax credit. This form is available from your tax preparer.

The ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT is different from those you can receive for private school tuition and public school extra-curricular activities. You are eligible to receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits for all three.

How do I make a donation?

Make your check payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and mail it to:

*Society of St. Vincent de Paul
P.O. Box 13600
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*Online donations can also be made at
www.stvincentdepaul.net*

Need more information?

Information can be found at the Arizona Department of Revenue website **www.revenue.state.az.us** or by calling Tax Payer Assistance at 602-255-3381 or 800-352-4090.

You can also call St. Vincent de Paul's Development department at 602-261-6814.

Important Note: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not offer legal or tax advice. Always check with a qualified and licensed professional regarding all matters related to tax or legal issues.

