

### **St. Vincent de Paul Story**

The phone messages SVDP receives each week tell the stories of so many of our neighbors who have suffered the negative impacts of the pandemic.

A fifty-two-year-old woman with a daughter, twenty-two, left one of those messages this week. In April, the daughter lost her job and her day-care services. When the daughter was able to get another job, the woman had to babysit her three grandchildren for a time. Then, just as she was ready to go back to work, the company where she was employed had to close because some employees had contracted the virus. She was looking for a new job and was three months behind in paying her monthly rent.

Help from our Bellarmine conference and the special parish [Coronavirus Community Assistance Fund](#) kept her from being evicted.

Another call came from a young woman whose salary of \$13 an hour was just enough to make it possible to pay her bills, but who had her hours cut when the pandemic began. She managed to pay her rent, but couldn't keep up with her Duke and water bills. She is now back to full-time employment, but that income is not enough to pay her back bills.

With the help of the Coronavirus Fund and our Bellarmine conference, those bills have now been paid, giving her peace of mind as she continues on her journey.

We Vincentians miss our home visits, seeing and talking, praying, hugging, and listening to our neighbors, but the voices we hear over the phone are filled with gratitude so that we can almost hear their smiles! St. Paul says, "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another." With your generous support, Vincentians every week are showing love to our neighbors, letting them know that someone cares.

[You can support this work by donating to the Coronavirus Community Assistance Fund here.](#) If you would like to get involved, contact Jim Doerger at 513-617-2085 or 513-378-8548. We would love to have you!