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Happy New Year! The St Thomas Aquinas conference of St Vincent de Paul has completed an active and productive year of service to our local community, and I am pleased to provide this summary of our activities in 2022.

Inspired by Gospel values, The Society of St Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person services to those who are needy and suffering. Despite the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic early in the year, our members and STA parishioners stepped forward to meet the needs of our community. Contributions to our conference allowed us to distribute \$28,856.00 in direct assistance in 2022. SVdP volunteers conducted 48 home visits within our parish boundaries that provided material and spiritual support to approximately 150 individuals. Thanks to your generosity and continued support, we were able to accomplish this and much more in 2022, including:

- The distribution of 50 Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags and grocery gift cards to families in our parish neighborhood
- Easter food bags and grocery gift cards to 65 elderly residents and staff at the Mt Zion apartments
- The donation of hundreds of sets of bed linens from STA parishioners that were delivered to the SVdP warehouse for distribution to families in need
- Financial contributions to the Boulevard Place Food Pantry
- Financial contributions to the Sunday Cathedral Soup Kitchen
- The distribution of grocery gift cards to clients during home visits throughout the year for the purchase of food and supplies
- The purchase and delivery of appliances and beds for clients
- Financial support of the SVdP Indianapolis Council annual “Love Your Neighbor” auction
- Financial support for our SVdP Twinning parish Consejo de Zena in the Dominican Republic
- Solidarity contributions to support the administration of the National Council of SVdP and the Indianapolis Council

In July we mourned the passing of our long-time conference treasurer and volunteer, Tony Morreale. Tony embodied the spirit of SVdP through his years of service and dedication to the needs of others. As we begin the new year, we seek new members to join our STA conference in

the continuation of our work. Many of our neighbors experience great needs during these challenging economic times and additional volunteers are necessary in a variety of roles to fulfill our mission of serving the poor. We thank you again for your generosity and ask for your continued prayers and donations of time and treasure in support of our mission to serve the marginalized in our community in 2023.

With best wishes for happy and healthy new year,

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