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On behalf of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Happy New Year! Our SVdP conference has just completed an active and productive year serving members of our community, and I am pleased to provide this summary of our activities in 2019.

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 service to those who are needy and suffering. During the past year, the STA conference of SVdP distributed \$38,943.00 to assist individuals and families in need. 50 home visits within our parish boundaries were made by SVdP volunteers to provide material and spiritual support to our clients, and approximately 400 individuals received direct assistance for rent and utility payments or household goods from the SVdP Distribution Center. During the year, we applied for and received a \$5,000.00 grant from the National Council of SVdP to further our mission and serve even more individuals and families in our neighborhood. Thanks to your generosity and continued support, we were able to accomplish this and much more to provide assistance for the needy in 2019, including:

- The distribution of more than 70 Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving food baskets to families in our parish neighborhood
- Monthly financial assistance to the Boulevard Place Food Pantry
- Financial assistance to the Sunday Cathedral Soup Kitchen
- The distribution of Kroger gift cards to clients for the purchase of groceries throughout the year
- A donation to the Catholic Charities Christmas Store for the purchase of Christmas gifts for those in need
- A parish "Blanket Sunday" event through which dozens of much needed household linens were provided to the Distribution Center
- Financial support for our Twinning parish Consejo de Zena in the Dominican Republic
- Solidarity contributions to support the administration of the National Council of SVdP

None of these activities and accomplishments would have been possible without your support. Thank you again for your generosity and we ask for your continued prayers for and support of our mission to serve the marginalized in our community in 2020.

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