

“Don’t worry, baby,” the young mother said. “I’ll find us shelter, some food and a bed. Just keep on walking, hold my hand tight. Here, let me hold you; we’ll be all right. No, you keep my sweater, I’m not cold at all; but let’s stop for a minute and rest by this wall. I’ve heard of a safe place with people who care. Just keep on walking; we’re almost there.”

Home for Christmas

The short story above is all too true. Every day at St. Vincent de Paul, we see mothers and children who are living the nightmare of homelessness and poverty. The gift they want more than anything else is to escape the dangers of the street, to find a safe place to stay – a home for Christmas. With your help, we can provide the home they so desperately need.



The family in this photo is just one example of the women and children who come to us in need. Kasey’s husband went to Texas to find a job, but in today’s economy, that’s not always easy. When the rent came due, this young mother and her children, Preston and Liberty, were evicted. Homeless for the first time in their lives, they came to St. Vincent de Paul for help. Like most kids, Preston and Liberty miss their dad when he’s away, but they feel safe with Mom at their side. For now, they are home. This year, our shelters will be home for over 1,200 homeless men, women and children, but we will also help the poor by serving over 200,000 meals at our dining room and filling over 32,000 prescriptions at our charitable pharmacy. This Christmas, we really need your help.

We are asking you to help us keep our doors open, not just during the holiday season, but every day of the year. We hope you will consider making a financial contribution, but we also ask that you remember St. Vincent de Paul and the people we serve in your prayers. The power of prayer is as real as Heaven itself, and through our prayers and actions, lives are changed.



Won’t you add one more person to your Christmas list this year? One hot meal...one warm bed...one life-sustaining prescription...can change someone’s life. How many lives can you change this Christmas?

One dollar will provide a hot meal; \$10 will provide shelter for Kasey and her family each night; and \$28 will fill a life-sustaining prescription; so you can imagine what a difference a larger gift can make. Any gift, no matter how small, will bring the Christmas spirit to someone in need. You can feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or fill a prescription.

Use the form below to make a difference by printing it, cutting it out and mailing to St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 127, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0127

[or give online by clicking Give Now on our Home Page.](#)

My gift of \$ _____ to St. Vincent de Paul is enclosed to help the poor and homeless.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____



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