

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Bedford County Resources

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) 814-979-0272

Mission Statement: A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need. We don't provide "transactions" or have "clients", we create and nurture spiritual relationships so we may understand and meet the needs of those we serve.

To fulfill this mission The Bedford Conference is currently a group of twelve dedicated and committed volunteers. In our work we serve all of Bedford County and assist in Fulton County as needed. During the last three fiscal years (2018-2022) SVDP has served 3,839 individuals and dispersed \$151,219.00 in assistance. In-kind services have also been provided in the form of transportation, nursing home visits, meal preparation, etc. In cases of financial assistance, no actual money is given to individuals; but rather payment is made directly to companies, landlords, agencies, etc. SVDP provides assistance to meet a wide range of needs including, but not limited to food, new clothing, shelter (emergency motel stays, rent, mortgage payments, property taxes, habitability repairs, etc.,) gas, car repairs, insurance, furniture, household items, utilities (oil, electricity, water, etc.) A few things SVDP cannot help with include fines, court ordered payments, child support, prison commissary payments, etc.

In order to adequately meet the needs in Bedford County our SVDP Conference often partners with other churches, organizations and agencies. Other sources of assistance for Bedford County residents include:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 814-944-9388

For residents of Bedford County assistance is usually limited to utilities but occasionally exceptions are made. Cash donations can be made online.

IN ONE ACCORD MINISTRIES (Formerly Love, Inc.) 814-652-0025

This organization is a clearinghouse using employees and volunteers to refer those seeking assistance to sources of possible help. They are a gateway to funds provided by the Everett Ministerium. Through donations they are able to provide used clothing and furniture to those in need. The donations are also used for frequently held yard sales which provide items at reasonable cost. To donate clothing and household items it is necessary to deliver them and make an appointment to do so.

BREEZEWOOD TRUCKERS TRAVELERS MINISTRY 814-977-6964

Provides a wide range of assistance primarily in the Breezewood area. Donations can be made online.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION Offices in Bedford and Everett 814-623-9129

Federally funded assistance programs of all types. Most are grant based, short term programs. CCA does administer the food banks however, the food banks are individually managed. Food donations can be made through CCA or directly to the food bank of your choice.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES: Altoona 814-943-1981, Johnstown 814-535-4357

Thrift stores accept donations of good usable items that are primarily used for resale. Donations must be delivered to the stores. Pick-up is no longer available in Bedford County.