



St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



Toy drive begins

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in partnership with Together We Can Make A Difference, will once again be hosting the Priceless Gift Toy Store at a new location – the **Dream Center** on Tomlinson Street between Pringle Street and Page Ave. The store offers free new and pre-owned toys to over 4000 children each year. Donations of new and gently-used toys, as well as personal hygiene products will be accepted at the **Dream Center** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm beginning Tuesday, October 4th. Items may also be dropped off at our Jackson thrift stores, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 7:00 and on Saturdays 9:00 to 7:00. Also, volunteers are needed to process toys and stock the store

The toy store will open on Friday, November 25 at 1 pm and be open Wednesdays through Saturdays 1 pm - 5 pm and Thursdays 1 pm - 7 pm.

The last day for shopping at the toy store will be Thursday, December 15. For more information please contact David at 784-8377 or Wendy at 740-8444 or visit our website at www.svdpjackson.com.

Sale-A-Bration



Many people enjoyed our annual Sale-A-Bration on Saturday, September 19th. There were great sale specials as well as a free lunch and entertainment. This annual customer-appreciation event is our way of saying thank you to our supporters.





Manager's Corner



David Kemler
General Manager

Fall is upon us

Our nights have a little nip in the air and our days are shorter. We have begun to see a little color in the trees and the fall harvest is in full swing. The school routine is now settled and Friday nights mean football games again. Mild weather and

sweaters, apples and pumpkins, all of these are signs that the season of autumn is once again with us.

Our stores have been transitioning for some time now. Cool weather clothing has replaced shorts and swimwear. Halloween and Thanksgiving Day décor have replaced the garden supplies on the shelves. We have had weekly sales to move the abundance of merchandise our donors have blessed us with.

October 1st started our toy collection and processing for the "Priceless Gift" Toy Store. Information for this ministry is located elsewhere in this newsletter. This is the eleventh year we have partnered with Together We Can Make a Difference in providing Christmas toys to the children of Jackson. It takes many donations and volunteers to make this venture successful.

This year our harvest dinner we be bigger and better than ever. Thanks to the efforts of Spring Arbor Road store assistant manager, Lola Fleming and donations by Dawson Foods, Bob Evans and others, we will be hosting a dinner at our Spring Arbor Road store on Tuesday, November 22nd, at noon. If you would like to participate please contact our store or see Lola Fleming.

I usually try to keep my articles upbeat, however there is an ongoing problem that I would like to share with you. This issue concerns articles left at our store locations after business hours and on weekends. Some of these items are good donations but many are trash being discarded on our property. Every Monday we face dirty and torn mattresses and furniture as well as large quantities of other useless articles. These drop-offs include garbage, garden and lawn debris and animal fecal material. Any usable articles that may have been left are either stolen before we open or are ruined by being dragged through the dirt and made wet by rain or snow. Our neighbors have complained for years about this unsightly mess as well as the annoyance of "dumpster divers" going through these drop-offs at all times of night. Disposal of these leavings are a very large expense for us as well as a danger of infestation of bugs and/or rodents.

Can you help us? Please bring your clean usable donations during business hours only. Tell your friends and family. If you see people dropping off after hours or going through materials, contact the police department. We have been assured that dumping citations will be issued.

Your donations and purchases are the means by which we assist others in our community. The expense of disposing of others trash subtracts from what we have to help the needy in Jackson and Lenawee Counties. Help us to help others and God Bless you for your support.



Christmas Parade

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores will be participating in the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Jackson on Friday, November 18. The theme this year is 'Babes In Toyland'. Volunteers are welcome to walk with us.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. – *Psalm 100:4*



Priceless Gift

TOY STORE

With your help, we are supplying gently used toys to over 4,000 children this Christmas.

How can you help?

Prepare -

We'll be preparing toys at **The Dream Center**, 730 Tomlinson St. 10/1 - 11/23 Tue, Thu & Sat 10am-3pm.

1. Collect and clean toys
2. Organize a toy drive with your church/school/business/or social group
3. Donate supplies: Zipper type bags, (all sizes), blanket zipper bags, batteries, baby wipes, eraser type sponges, plastic grocery bags
4. Provide Lunch for volunteers Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays
5. Dress dolls and style their hair
6. Wash stuffed animals
7. Donate personal hygiene items: Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, washcloths, dental floss, shavers, toilet paper, etc.

Participate:

Join us at the Toy Store inside **The Dream Center**, 730 Tomlinson St. Jackson MI 49203 11/25 - 12/15

1. Organize your church or group to staff one of the 12 open toy store days
2. Provide lunch for the volunteers one day
3. Provide cookies for parents and volunteers
4. Bring Christmas carolers to sing for the shoppers 11/25, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10
5. Run the computer/registration desk
6. Host waiting parent/shoppers
7. Drive shoppers home with their treasures (background check required)
8. Help parents shop
9. Keep shelves full and straightened
10. Help maintain a loving, cheerful atmosphere that represents Jesus' love for our community
11. Break down empty boxes & recycle

- NOTE -
Volunteers and Toys
are needed from
October 1 to
December 15

Party:

Join us for a party to celebrate another year of success - January 8, 2017, 5pm, at the St. Vincent DePaul Center, 1501 East Michigan Ave.

Please call us today:

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



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What's happening

Tuesday, October 4

Toy donations now accepted at all our locations

Saturday, October 8

Second Saturday Sale

25% OFF all donated merchandise at the Furniture Center

Monday, October 31

Happy Halloween!

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

If you love your freedom, thank a veteran

Saturday, November 12

Second Saturday Sale

25% OFF all donated merchandise at the Furniture Center

Friday, November 18

Christmas Parade

Downtown Jackson

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stores closed



Friday, November 25

Priceless Gift Toy Store opens

1 pm at the Dream Center, 730 Tomlinson Street

Every month...

Mondays - Fill a blue basket with clothing for \$10.

- Clergy discount day - 25% Off with ID

Tuesdays - Student and teacher discount day - 25% Off with ID

Wednesdays - Senior citizen discount day - 25% Off with ID

Thursdays - Military (active or veterans) discount day for service people and their immediate families - 25% Off with ID

Fridays - Fill a blue basket with books for only \$5.00!

Second Saturdays - 25% Off Sale at the Furniture Showroom

Going 'green'

A regular feature to help you live a more earth-friendly life!

Warm up with flannel



Flannel isn't just for shirts anymore. This winter fabric staple can be used in many ways. Repurposing sweaters is a way to 'cozy up' your home this fall. Here are some creative ways to use them this fall. Our stores have many shirts available at low prices, as well as other items needed to keep your home 'warm' and festive.



These hand warmers made with flannel shirts are perfect for those chilly evenings.



Flannel and lace together make a statement on your dining table. Twine can be used to make place settings festive.

Ideas from pinterest.com

Spring Arbor Road Thrift Store 1812 Spring Arbor Road • Open Mon.- Fri. 9 am - 7 pm, Sat. 9 am - 7 pm
East Michigan Avenue Thrift Store 1509 E. Michigan Ave. • Open Mon.- Fri. 9 am - 7 pm, Sat. 9 am - 7 pm
Furniture Showroom 1501 E. Michigan Ave. • Open Mon.- Fri. 10 - 6, Sat. 9 - 7