



# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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## THE PIRATES CHARITIES CARE-A-VAN BRINGS AN EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MONASTERY COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Pirates Charities CARE-a-Van is a charity that features players, coaches and front office employees making a difference in the community. On December 6 Jameson Taillon, Max Moroff, Nick Kingham, Jacob Stallings, Jeff Branson, and Jordan Comadena, from the Pirates charity, stopped by at the Altoona Curve PNG field to deliver much needed supplies for the Community Gardens.

Along with a check for \$1,000.00 the charity filled the Garden's truck with 12 crates for delivering produce, 4 boxes of Oakleaf garden tools, 10 Pirates Charities tossed hats, 8 pocket hats, 10 pairs of work gloves, and 4 foldout garden chairs complete with gloves, spray bottle, and zippered tool bag with garden tools.

It was a wonderful generous event with the ball players mingling and signing autographs. Pat Trimble, director of the SVDP Community Gardens said, "We thank the Pirate Charities for their largess, making our volunteers very happy by assisting our gardening efforts and advancing our goal of feeding the hungry. Thank you, Pittsburgh Pirates!"

For more information about Pirates Charities Care-a-Van click on this link:

<https://www.mlb.com/pirates/community/care-a-van>



The Pirates Charities CARE-a-Van presents a check for \$1,000.00 along with garden supplies to SVDP Community Gardens.

## JOHNSTOWN FOOD FOR FAMILIES RECEIVES NEW PALLET JACK

Through a grant made possible with their partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, SVDP Food for Families Distribution Center in Johnstown received a new Raymond electric pallet jack.



Johnstown Food for Families supplies food to 23 area pantries and other meal sites throughout Cambria County.

With this new piece of equipment warehouse workers will be able to easily access food pallets for distribution to these local food pantries.

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## THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THRIFT STORE HOLD THEIR 7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, December 10 seventy staff and volunteers for the Johnstown District Council and thrift store gathered for their annual Christmas party. They enjoyed food and fellowship at Our Son's banquet hall.

They welcomed the newest conference, from St. Andrews and during the evening several individuals were recognized for their service.

Honored for giving over 500 hours of service to the thrift store in 2017:

Sarah Mosorjak, Anita Albert, Sandy Stoykovich, Maryann Wissinger, Donna Rocker, and Betty Griffith

Recognized as volunteers since the 1990's:

Mary Tomasko, Skip & Maryann Wissinger, Leonard & Maria Naylor, Bette Weaver, and Mickey Kohler

Sincere appreciation was extended to Don Tedjeske for his leadership and tireless efforts to advance the mission of SVDP in Johnstown.

A festive evening and fun was had by all.



Sock Swap at the Johnstown District Council and Thrift Store Christmas Party.



Johnstown Thrift Store hosted the SVDP Johnstown District Council's holiday party at Our Sons Banquet Hall on Sunday, December 10.



St. Joseph's Conference, Williamsburg volunteers are preparing Thanksgiving dinner for delivery to area families.



Volunteers at the Most Holy Trinity Conference in Huntingdon prepared and distributed turkeys and food baskets for Christmas.



Violet Johnson, Matthew Wilt, and Sam Pratt help prepare Christmas food baskets.

### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PREPARE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Students from the religious education program at St. John the Evangelist Church in Everett helped prepare Christmas food baskets.

St. Thomas Conference of SVDP distributed the baskets to families in need in Bedford County. All food items were donated by St. John's parish members and an anonymous donor contributed vouchers for each family to obtain a turkey or ham.



Volunteers at the Johnstown Soup Kitchen helped prepare Christmas gift packs for area children. Seventy-five kids received the gift bags on Friday, December 22nd.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE 4TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER DISTRIBUTION



Volunteers of all ages worked together to provide 125 people with Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

Members met a few days before Thanksgiving to roast the turkeys and bake pies.



On Thanksgiving morning they finished preparing and boxing the meals. Volunteers then delivered the hot meals with a heartfelt Happy Thanksgiving.



Altoona Thrift Store hosted the SVDP Altoona District Council's holiday brunch at The Dream restaurant in Hollidaysburg on Saturday, December 9.



Altoona Soup Kitchen provided Christmas and food baskets for 380 people on Friday, December 22nd.



*To a hungry child, you're the difference between a ketchup sandwich and a tomato sandwich.*

*Thank you for your hard work and contributions this year.*

*Christmas Blessings from SVDP  
Monastery Community Gardens Staff  
and Advisory Board*