



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

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SVDP ALTOONA THRIFT STORE CHOSEN 2019 HOMETOWN FAVORITE

The Altoona Mirror newspaper holds an annual Hometown Favorites contest in a variety of categories. Our Altoona Thrift Store won in the Antique/Resale Shop class.

And that is not all. The Altoona store has been getting a lot of media attention of late. The WTAJ morning team stopped by the store earlier this month to help with sorting and to interview one of the volunteers Linda Irvin. Linda expressed the need for volunteers, “we could not function without volunteers; we are mainly a volunteer organization.” Profits from the stores go directly back into the community through our needs offices in Altoona and Johnstown.



Deb Wright Adams, (at right) Altoona store manager, recently began a program for people re-entering the work force called “Successful Threads”. The Sunday, November 10 Altoona Mirror’s front page article “Clothed in Confidence” included the thrift store’s new program.



[Click here](#) for the WTAJ volunteer story.

[Click here](#) for the Altoona Mirror “Clothed in Confidence” story.



Dennis Simmers of AC Power in Colver presents a \$3,300 check to Alice Emanuel, SVDP Spiritual Director and Ebensburg food pantry manager. Mr. Simmers requested the donation be divided among four SVDP food pantries, Patton, Hastings, Nanty Glo, and Ebensburg. Each will receive \$825.



Sunday, December 15 the Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus Council 4245 will host a Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Tickets \$8

Meal includes
BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans,
Applesauce, and Roll
Eat in or take out

For Ticket info call 944-1981 x 108.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2019

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**
Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ
Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St,
Hollidaysburg
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**
Food for Families Christmas Give-Away
Altoona Kitchen, 2201 Union Ave
Noon
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON SVDP/FF EVENTS



Our website has a new feature... a monthly calendar. The calendar makes it easier to see what's happening; fundraisers, events, etc.

Go to our website svdpcares.org and click on calendar under upcoming events.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



2019 UTILITY WISE CONFERENCE OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS

Be Utility Wise is a program that provides utility education and networking opportunities to human service providers that partner to promote consumer awareness, utility education, and healthy living in Pennsylvania. A presentation was held at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown on October 30 where several SVDP representatives attended. Sue Hoover, Northern Cambria Store Manager, said, "There was a lot of great information shared that will benefit those whom we serve."

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

In October, Northern Cambria received a call from a family who lost everything in a house fire. Two young parents with two grade school aged boys. The Salvation Army provided a \$100.00 dollar gift certificate to Walmart which was very helpful but all the clothing the family had was on their backs. It was a holiday weekend so there was not much available in the way of help for the family.



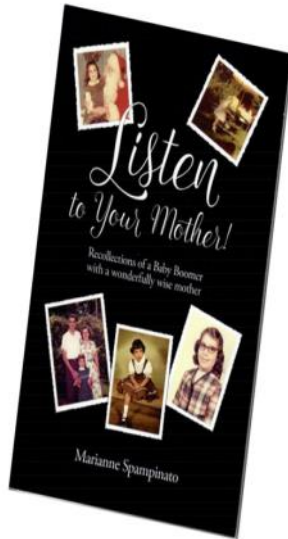
Northern Cambria Thrift Store
1907 Bigler Ave, N. Cambria

Our SVDP thrift store volunteer made arrangements with the family to come to the Northern Cambria store on a Sunday, which is normally closed, to help the family. They were given full access to the store to shop without limits to pick out what ever they needed. When they were done they had a lot of much needed clothing for their family. The boys would be ready for school on Tuesday.

Disaster doesn't pick a convenient time to strike; thank you to the volunteer that came to the family's aid. When someone asks you about Saint Vincent de Paul...tell them this story.

2019 Holiday Season Order Form

Place your order by December 15, 2019, and the author will donate \$3.00 for each book purchased to Johnstown-area charities. To assist local heritage preservation efforts, \$1.50 will be given to the Johnstown Area Heritage Association. To assist local families in need, \$1.50 will be given to St. Vincent dePaul Food for Families, which supports area food pantries.



Click on the article above to download an order form.

TURKEY DRIVES SUCCESSFUL

Over the past nine years the Assumption Chapel has partnered with Imler's Poultry and Forever Media to collect turkeys and other items so local families in need can have a happy Thanksgiving.

Two drives were held on Saturday, November 2 and again on Friday, November 15. The two day event resulted in the most successful drive ever with almost 700 turkeys being donated.



The Johnstown Soup Kitchen partnered with Ideal Markets and Forever Media for their first ever turkey drive that was held on Saturday, November 2.

The drive brought in 77 turkeys, over \$100 in donations and a van full of supplies.



Greg Karcher, manager at the Johnstown Family Kitchen receives a matching funds check from Peoples Natural Gas.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the matching funds campaign.

LOOKING FOR A GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

Don't forget about our thrift stores. There are many new and vintage treasures to be had.

If you know someone that loves "thrifting" consider a gift certificate from their favorite SVDP thrift store.

[Click here](#) for thrift store locations and hours.

