



# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

## JUNE 2022

### THE END OF AN ERA

Food for Families, Inc (FFF) is a subsidiary of St. Vincent de Paul Altoona-Johnstown (SVDP) that includes kitchens and warehouses in Altoona and Johnstown. For the past several years Tom and Georgia Lehman have been an intricate part of the Johnstown FFF. Tom and Georgia are retiring this month and, while we are happy for them, we are sad to see them go.

Tom manages the warehouse and works closely with agencies such as the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to store and distribute food to pantries in Cambria county.

Georgia spearheaded fundraisers such as the Food Truck Rodeo and Duck Race. She has been successful in obtaining grants like the \$45,000 Lee Industries Initiatives grant.

It will be difficult to not have the Lehman's to rely on in Johnstown. But they are helping with the transition which is not surprising to anyone that knows them. And Georgia has agreed to continue on as a grant writer for FFF.



Georgia and Tom Lehman at a Highmark Walk-a-thon Fundraiser in Johnstown.

### Famvin Quote of the day, June 28

*"Rash judgments are what Jesus most reproveth in the Gospel."*

– St. Vincent de Paul

– Lord, because I can never know the motives or interior struggles of another person, help me to avoid those thoughtless judgments I so often make about the actions of others. Forgive me for my failures in this regard.



- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**  
**14th Annual Rio Golf Outing**  
Park Hills Country Club, Altoona  
**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**  
**Sip, Rock & Duck Drop**  
Peoples Natural Gas Park, Johnstown  
**3:00 PM - 10:00 PM**



After a two year hiatus St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce the return of the annual dinner. Plans are underway and as soon as a date is selected we will let you know.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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At the beginning of June the annual Showcase for Commerce was held at the 1st Summit War Memorial Arena in Johnstown. For the past five years the **Johnstown Food for Families** rented a booth at the event that featured over 100 national and local businesses and non-profit agencies. This is always a great opportunity to showcase our program. Pictured above is Georgia Lehman and her granddaughter/“volunteer” Nova Lehman.



### BASKET AUCTION

**Carrolltown Thrift Store** will be holding a basket auction in July to raise money for the cost of unexpected building repairs.

Anyone interested in donating a basket can contact the store via [Facebook](#). The baskets need to be to the store by July 15 and the drawing will be July 29.



The store is located at 204 N Main Street in Carrolltown. Hours of operation are Monday -Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For more information call (814) 886-9566.

### 14TH ANNUAL SVDP YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing will be held at the Park Hills Country Club on **Friday, September 2, 2022**. Registration begins as 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start tee time at 9:30 a.m.

Entrance fee is \$80 per golfer (\$320 per foursome). This includes green fees, cart, skills contests (Mulligan package \$20 per team), course refreshments, and luncheon.



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 One Tee Sign  
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#### TEE SPONSOR [\$100]

One Tee Sign



## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GARDENS

On Saturday, June 25 the **Monastery Gardens** were blessed in hopes this year's crop would be as plentiful as previous season's yield.

All produce grown at the Garden are donated to the local food pantries.



LEFT TO RIGHT Dotty Caminiti Garden Assistance, Fr. Eugene Kubina, TOR Fr. Anthony Schinelli, TOR, Br. Patrick, TOR, Fr. Robert Daversa, TOR

TO THE RIGHT is Jim Yeager, Garden Director, speaking to Fr Robert (off camera).

In the foreground are three volunteers, Dennis Moughemer (orange shirt), Erika Renwick (light blue shirt), and Sherry Nagle (dark blue shirt).

Dottie Caminiti said of the three that, "if it wasn't for these three volunteers we would not be able to have the Garden."



Pam Root, flower garden volunteer and Br. Patrick, TOR



September 24, 2022

3:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**PEOPLES NATURAL GAS  
PARK**

90 Johns St, Johnstown, PA 15901

Proceeds benefit

[Johnstown Soup Kitchen](#)



Volunteer hours are:

**Monday and Wednesday**

8:00AM to noon and

4:30PM to 7:30PM

**Saturday**

8:00 AM to noon

Contact Dottie at (814) 330-0866



Above are pictures of a youth group from **TEAMeffort** on the day they came to the **Altoona thrift store** to volunteer. The groups travel across the country on their mission to help others.

Deb Wright Adams, store manager, said “A charitable thrift store as big as ours, struggles to find volunteers on a daily basis. We'd like to take a moment, to express our gratitude to the wonderful youth teams who gave of their time this month!”

[Click here](#) to learn more about their efforts.



Voice of the Poor (VOP) is the advocacy arm of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Take a look at the VOP website and you will find many resources including webinars that address critical issues of those living in poverty and other issues plaguing society.

[Click here](#) for a list of webinars.

## BLESSING BAGS DONATED

When someone is homeless or they are on a very tight budget the things we may take for granted become very precious. We do not think about the “luxury” of having a toothbrush and toothpaste or a clean pair of socks to wear but to some these items mean a great deal.

Our programs try to have “blessing bags” for people when they see the need. The bags include toiletries and other personal items. Recently our Altoona thrift store was very fortunate to be the recipient of 300 bags donated by the **Bridgewater Methodist Church** in Virginia.

The Church has a program where their young adults volunteer around the country. The group has come to the Altoona store in the past to help out; so when they called and offered these blessing bags, Deb Wright Adams, store manager, said absolutely. Between the store and the needs office located on the second floor of the store, the bags will definitely get used.

Thank you to the volunteers from the Bridgewater Methodist Church for thinking of St. Vincent de Paul.

Once again “Help Us Help Others” rings true.



Bags include toiletries and other personal items and marked for men or women with items specific to their needs. Above is one of the bags for men.

## DONATE A VEHICLE



[Click here](#)  
or call 1.800.322.8284 to start the process.

St. Vincent de Paul Altoona-Johnstown received over \$4,500 from the vehicles that were generously donated from January 2021 through June 2022.

Remember, it doesn't have to run and you can designate what ministry gets the proceeds from your generosity.