



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

NOVEMBER 2023

QUEEN OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES GRANT

The Patton Food Pantry received an Impact Grant from the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#).



500 Railroad Ave
Patton, PA 16668

*Queen of Peace
Patton Food Pantry*

An Impact Grant is funding that helps organizations address challenges or grow their program to offer better service to individuals in need. Organizations that provide food assistance and/or connect people to life-stabilizing programs can apply.

The food pantry received the grant because, among other considerations, they provide direct services to residents. For example, they promote the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by helping individuals apply for the SNAP on behalf of the Food Bank and they provide a service that addresses a basic need such as food.

The Grant, for \$6,519, was approved to support transportation, a utility cart, and the cost of freezer repairs to help better serve the people in this rural area that have been so impacted by poverty.



Famvin Quote of the day, December 3, 2023

"If the love of God is a fire, zeal is its flame; if love is a sun, zeal is its ray." (CCD 12:250)

– St. Vincent de Paul

– O God, may the work of my hands be done with enthusiasm as well as efficiency. Help me give all my work today that extra touch of fervor.



THE 3RD ANNUAL STUCKEY AUTOMOTIVE FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY



The food drive will benefit the **SVDP Food for Families Kitchen** in Altoona. Now through December 8, you can drop-off non-perishable food items to any one of the participating dealerships.

[Five Star Mitsubishi Altoona](#)
[Courtesy Motors](#)

#stuckeyfoodbankchallenge

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**THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE
AT WEST CAMPUS**



The sixth grade **Divine Mercy West Campus** SVDP Youth Conference members lead the prayer service as cantors, readers, greeters, and collecting food donations.



Roto-Rooter generously donated over \$3,000 to the **Johnstown Family Kitchen**. Gregg Karcher, kitchen manager, standing in the middle of two Roto Rooter representatives, said; "Thank you, Roto Rooter much appreciated!"



Looking for a unique gift? Consider giving a gift certificate from your favorite SVDP Thrift Store for the holidays this year.

Give a gift that will be appreciated while helping the community.

Remember all proceeds

from the stores stay local.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES

ALTOONA

1215 7th Ave
(814) 943-1981

JOHNSTOWN

301 Central Ave
(814) 535-4357

CARROLLTOWN

204 N Main St
(814) 344-9309

N. CAMBRIA

1907 Bigler Ave
(814) 948-8828

CRESSON

115 Ashcroft Ave
(814) 886-9566

NANTY-GLO

1005 Caroline St
(814) 749-6043

EBENSBURG

Ebensburg Mini Mall
(814) 472-4362

STATE COLLEGE

1300 Benner Pike, Ste B
(814) 867-3131

For thrift store hours visit www.svdpcares.org/thrift-stores



Huge thank you to the **Boy Scouts Troop 49** who collected groceries for the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Pantry**.



David Hovance from [Catholic Charities](#) met with representatives from several SVDP conferences to go over the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This is the time of year when heating bills soar and individuals needing assistance should first apply to LIHEAP. David gave hand outs that explained the program, how to apply and eligibility requirements.

He also included Customer Assistance Program (CAP), Pennsylvania Customer Assistance Program (PCAP) and the Dollar Energy Fund (DEF) in his presentation. Questions we had were answered and the information we came away with is invaluable in helping people needing assistance.

Thank you David for taking the time to educate us on the various programs.

LIHEAP

Online go to the [COMPASS](#) the online tool to apply for health and human service programs. Paper applications are available at the local assistance office.

PCAP

(for residential customers of Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power)

Penelec & Met-Ed: 1-800-962-4848

Penn Power: 1-800-774-1674

West Penn Power 1-800-736-3404

CAP

(Gas service) www.peoplesgas.com

DEF

1-800-400-9276

Not sure what size they wear or what color they like. Just can't find the perfect gift. Give the gift that is always the right size and color...A donation in their name to St. Vincent de Paul. Click on the link below and give a gift to the SVDP ministry of your choice.

Your loved one will receive a letter letting them know that a donation was given in their name.

All donations help individuals in our community.

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[GBU Financial Life](#) District 45, a nonprofit life insurance company, sold pies as a fundraiser for the **Assumption Chapel food pantry** in Altoona. Proceeds from the sale netted \$750. Thank you GBU District 45!



Call **1-800-322-8284** or click on the picture for more information and to start the donation process on line.

Remember, it doesn't have to run and you can designate what ministry gets the proceeds from your generosity. The program is not limited to cars, we accept:

