

# NEW HEIGHTS



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020!



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Learn how you have  
impacted our vital  
services as we continue  
to face COVID-19



*A Winter Message  
from the CEO*

Dear Friends,

I continue to pray you and your family are staying safe and healthy.

St. Vincent Catholic Charities (STVCC) remains focused on how our programs and services can best play a vital role in the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it continues to be a stressful and uncertain time, I have to remind myself and my staff to reflect on the critical work STVCC is doing every day – and how our community is depending on our life-changing, essential services at a time when vulnerable children and families need our help the most.

If you did not have the opportunity to watch our 16th Annual Guardian Society fundraising virtual event, there's still time to do so! I encourage you to visit [stvcc.org](http://stvcc.org) to watch our event video; in just 15-minutes, you'll hear impactful stories from our staff, volunteers and community partners about STVCC's mission and essential contributions to the community.

Even with all the chaos 2020 has presented us, there is still so much to be thankful for this holiday season. I think one of the greatest gifts this challenging year has given me is a fresh perspective on just how thankful I am for the simplest of things. I feel grateful to work at STVCC, an agency that truly faces challenges with hope. There is no better place to cultivate and spread hope through the world than an agency for which, true biblical hope is a foundational identity.

**Thank you for all you do to support STVCC. I am grateful for each and every one of you – and for your outpouring commitment and prayers for our staff and the clients we serve.**

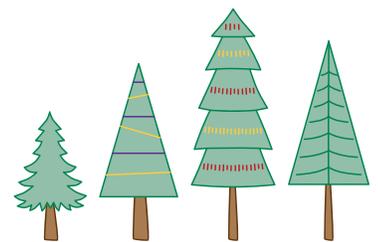
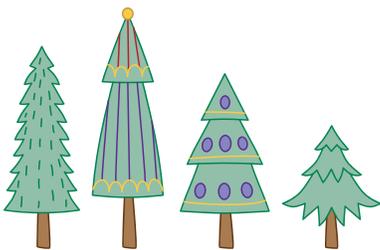
Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. From all of us at STVCC, we wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

*Andrea E. Seyka*

Andrea Seyka  
Chief Executive Officer

**"Prayer leads us forward in hope."  
Pope Francis**



The mission of St. Vincent Catholic Charities is the work of the Catholic Church, to share the love of Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

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# THANK YOU!

for helping STVCC through the COVID-19 crisis.

**DURING THIS GREAT TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, YOUR DONATIONS OF MASKS, TOYS, GAMES,** time, financial giving and more are a daily reminder of the generosity inherent in our community. **THANK YOU** for helping us continue to meet the challenges of this moment so we can continue to provide help and create hope for the most vulnerable children and families.



## Andrea Seyka, CEO

I am humbled by the messages of gratitude, acts of kindness and service, and words of encouragement that we have received. They are powerful affirmations for our STVCC team who continue to provide essential services to our kids and families. Thank you for your continued prayers.



## Tammy Render-Morris Faith-Based Therapist, Counseling

Through the support of our faithful donors, it is with great love, humility and gratefulness that we have been able to offer over 2,000 sessions of counseling to our faith-based community over the past year. We will get through COVID-19 and all our challenges because God is always with us.



## Judi Harris, Director of Refugee Services

Our community is so welcoming to strangers and supportive of our programs, clients and staff. I am so grateful to everyone who has stood by refugees over the past 4 years and especially through the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to do our best to save lives and make the world more peaceful and loving. We couldn't do it without all of you, so thank you!

## Lesley Glennon

### Director of Immigration Law Clinic

We are so grateful for the support from our community that has allowed us to adjust our procedures so that we can continue to offer quality legal representation to some of our most vulnerable neighbors. We have received encouraging messages from community members assuring us of their heart for our clients and prayers for success in our work. Thank you!



## Bob Graham, Director of Facilities & Information Systems

I'm in awe of the tremendous support we always receive; during the pandemic, our community sewed hundreds of face masks to keep us safe and delivered meals to our Children's Home. Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue the great work we accomplish every day. Thank you.



## Dave Matthews, Director of the Children's Home

Throughout a period of unprecedented change and new challenges, one thing that has remained constant is the support of our community. We received generous donations on a near-daily basis, providing our children with snacks, games, and other materials at a time when our staff and children could not go out shopping together. In a year of seemingly endless change, our community members were a much needed source of consistency. I am forever grateful, thank you.



## Tamara El-Khoury Director of Development

Thank you for showing up when we needed you most. Whether it was donating beyond your annual giving, sharing the link of our virtual Guardian Society video with your friends, buying backpacks off our Amazon wish list, or one of the many other ways you've given, I am grateful for your generosity.



**Please continue to support our programs by giving through the enclosed envelope or online at [stvcc.org](http://stvcc.org).**



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**We are humbled by the compassion and generosity of our community during this turbulent and uncertain time. Thank you from St. Vincent Catholic Charities.**

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*Merry Christmas*  
*'Tis the season for giving!*

**Giving Tuesday** is on Tuesday, **December 1, 2020!**

Our kids have faced so much in their young lives that require extra support, and healing. Having a furry friend in our Children's Home provides companionship, love and hope, even more so during the pandemic when feelings of isolation are even greater.

This year, for **#GivingTuesday**, we are raising money for a new therapeutic service dog when Promise, our current pup, retires.

Our **Holiday Giving Campaign** is underway! You can give back this holiday season by supporting our clients and programs through purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List or donating Meijer, Target, Walmart or Amazon gift cards.

**Donation drop-off will be in our Children's Home gym on 12/7 and 12/8, between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.**

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