

SVdPUSA Disaster Fund and International Disaster Fund need your Support!



Home destroyed by California wildfires
(Domestic disaster)



SVdP International providing meals
(international relief efforts)

PLEASE SUPPORT THE DOMESTIC DISASTER FUND

Did you know that in the United States, major natural disasters are increasing? From 1979 to 2016, FEMA spent \$81 billion on natural disasters. Then, in just the last two years, another \$80 billion was spent by FEMA on natural disasters, demonstrating the increasing impact of these disasters in the United States.

Are you ready for a major disaster? No matter how prepared you are, the answer is still no. Imagine losing everything ... your home, car, furniture, even your clothes are now gone.

Jessica and her spouse were forced to evacuate their home as Hurricane Harvey came through their town. When they returned, they found their home completely destroyed. With the help of FEMA, they were able to purchase a used mobile home, but still needed household items, including a bed and a refrigerator. Jessica was referred to the Disaster Services Corporation of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul (DSC) for Disaster Case Management and to inquire into the House in a Box® Program. With the help of Disaster Services, Jessica would receive all the household items she needed, including a brand new refrigerator. Upon hearing this, Jessica broke down in tears, as she graciously thanked the Vincentians who had helped to make this possible.

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House in a Box: just one-step DSC
takes in changing the lives of disaster
survivors.



House in a Box items on display

The DSC helps people like Jessica in situational poverty as a result of natural and man-made disasters. This is accomplished through a variety of programs, one of which is the House in a Box Program, a nationally recognized disaster program helping families start a new life.

Another way DSC is by providing grants to local Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conferences and Councils that have experienced a disaster in their area. These grants allow the Conferences and Councils to provide services to people impacted by the disaster. Not only does DSC offer Rapid Response Grants, but they offer Long Term Recovery Grants. Additionally, DSC provides hygiene kits and restricted Walmart cards for Conferences and Councils to provide to disaster survivors. This demonstrates how DSC not only provides the short-term emergency support when a disaster strikes, but also remains focused on helping these individuals and families with personalized disaster case management long after the news cameras have moved on.

Your support is vital as we enter into the tornado and hurricane season. With images still fresh in our minds from last year's hurricanes, it's hard to believe that we are already entering into the 2019 hurricane season. However, with your financial help today, the DSC will be even better prepared for any future disasters across the United States. With the ever-increasing number of disasters, you can help ensure there are adequate resources to promptly assist our neighbors in need.

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND



SVdP International delivering emergency medical supplies.

The Society has formed an international network of charity through the Council General International (CGI) office in Paris. The Society supports relief/humanitarian efforts in five continents, and approximately 150 countries through the Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD).

Instead of conducting individual campaigns for every international request, we want to build a reserve fund from which we can draw dollars to send immediately when there is an international need and request from CIAD. Because the Society is an international organization with worldwide scope, we are inevitably confronted by humanitarian needs around the globe. With direction from CIAD, the International Relief Fund will support not only international disaster relief efforts, but also projects that help to rebuild and expand the Society. These additional efforts include educational, spiritual and developmental opportunities. We can be proud to support these international humanitarian and Vincentian projects, as ONE Society.

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If you prefer to support these efforts by check, please send it to:
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