



## Society of St. Vincent dePaul, Windward Oahu Conference St. John Vianney Parish

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**THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** is charitable Catholic organization that began in 1833 in France. The Society came to St. Louis, Missouri in 1845, and arrived in Hawaii in 1966. The Society is an international and national association of volunteers who assist families and individuals by providing temporary funding to meet basic needs.

*" The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. " Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Part 1 section 1.2*

The Windward Oahu Conference provides \$30,000 annually in assistance for rent, utilities, food and other needs. One hundred percent of donations helps The Society aid families and individuals. "No Work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions" *Rule of the SVDP: Part 1 section 1.3*

### Member responsibilities:

- Volunteers monitor our help line daily to take calls for assistance and information.
- By phone and during home visits, volunteers interview callers to obtain details on type and amount of assistance they are seeking. Then, they verify the information.
- Meet twice a month to discuss needs and decide what assistance to provide.

At our meetings, our members consider the whole person when assessing a request for help. Our ultimate goal is for people to be self sustaining and at peace. Emergency needs are discussed at our bimonthly meetings on a case-by-case basis. Our guidelines are to conduct a Home Visit (HV) if at all possible and

1. Verify need with the vendor, i.e. call landlord, utility provider about aid/past history.
2. Assurance of future sustainability with consideration for extenuating circumstances.
3. Other resource referrals, i.e. prayer, help, guidance at HV or via phone during COVID.
4. No limits on help. We prayerfully consider additional help and guide to more options.
5. Approval requires consensus with a majority in agreement to fund a friend's request.

### How you can help in the Lord's work?

- Donate your time and become a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer. Training is provided.
- Share your talents; grant writing, use of social media, word/data processing, help line monitoring.
- Be a contributor by donating funds to SVDP, 920 Keolu Dr., Kailua 96734. Donate a vehicle or boat on line to [svdpusa.careasy.org](http://svdpusa.careasy.org). The item will be picked up and the monies will be sent to our local society. Donations are tax deductible.