

The St. Vincent de Paul Home (Winter 2016)

Sometimes, you have to take a step away from the status quo. We do our best at providing food and furniture and rental and utility assistance to individuals throughout the Hillsboro area. We serve hundreds of individuals monthly, helping them to get on track in the pursuit of their lives. Many are veterans, many are immigrants, many have disabilities. All have had difficult life experiences. Rest assured, they all need an assist and St. Vincent de Paul is here to help.

Sometimes, though, an unusual opportunity arises that meets a need. This past fall, management at our conference learned that a house in Hillsboro was vacant and was slated to be demolished. Our conference was able to negotiate an agreement with the property owner and a young lady and her teenaged daughter found a home, at least for the winter and into the spring.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers worked on the house to get it in shape for living. It was furnished with items donated by St. Matthew parishioners and individuals from Hillsboro. Rent was paid through our rental assistance program and utilities were also covered. The house became a home again, giving the small family an opportunity to live a normal life, at least for a few short months. It is through the generosity of our benefactors that such an opportunity was possible. Thank you to you all!