



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

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## UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVE IMPACT REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023:

October 2022 - September 2023

## I. SINCE INCEPTION

The Underserved Communities Initiative began in **2021**; the distribution of grant funding to Conferences began in **May 2022**.

Increases capacity to achieve two organizational goals in the strategic plan:

1. Build healthy, vibrant Conferences to
2. Increase the mission's impact.

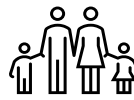
UCI grant funding is limited to Conferences that meet specific requirements:

1. Serve an **at-risk or distressed** community.
2. Utilize **CMS** for data reporting.
3. Have a minimum of **8 – 11** members.
4. Have been assessed within the **past 3 years** or revitalized within the past 6 months.



**> \$869k**

Financial assistance for struggling families.

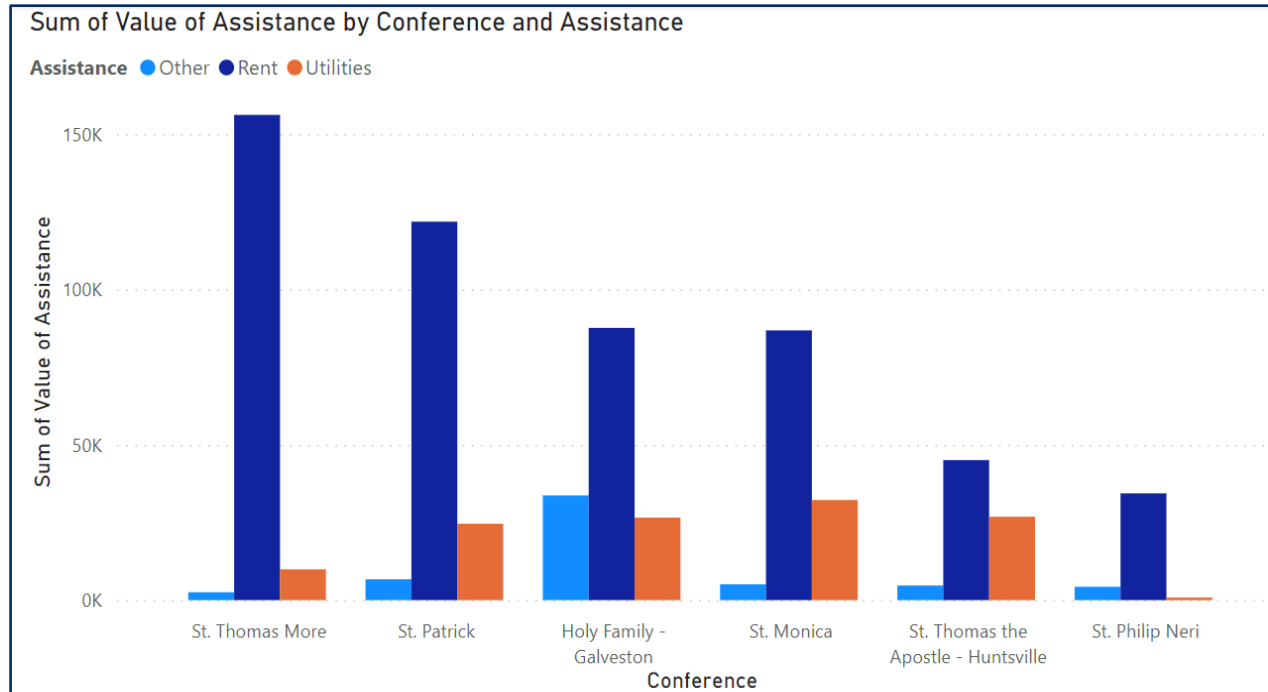


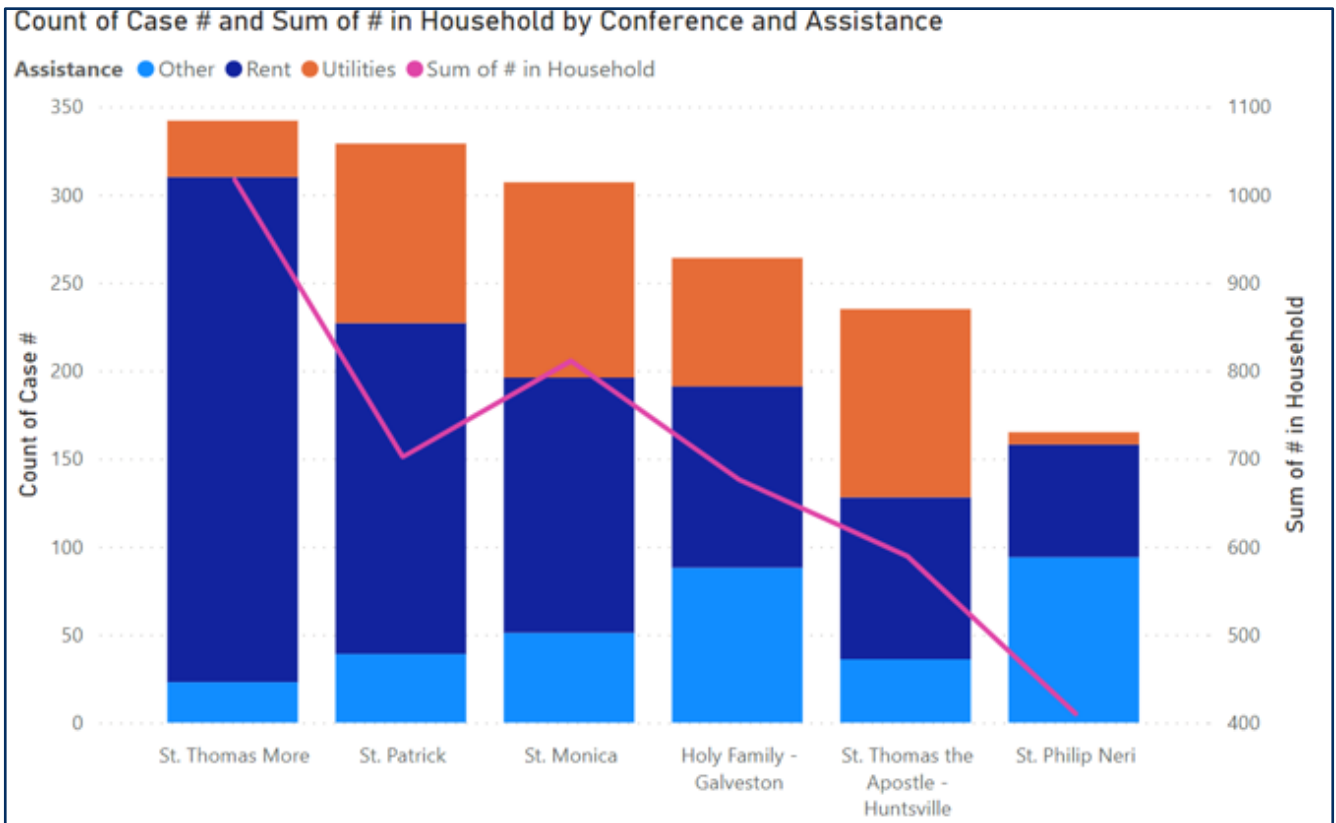
**>2.1k Children**

Evaded displacement and kept safe in their homes.

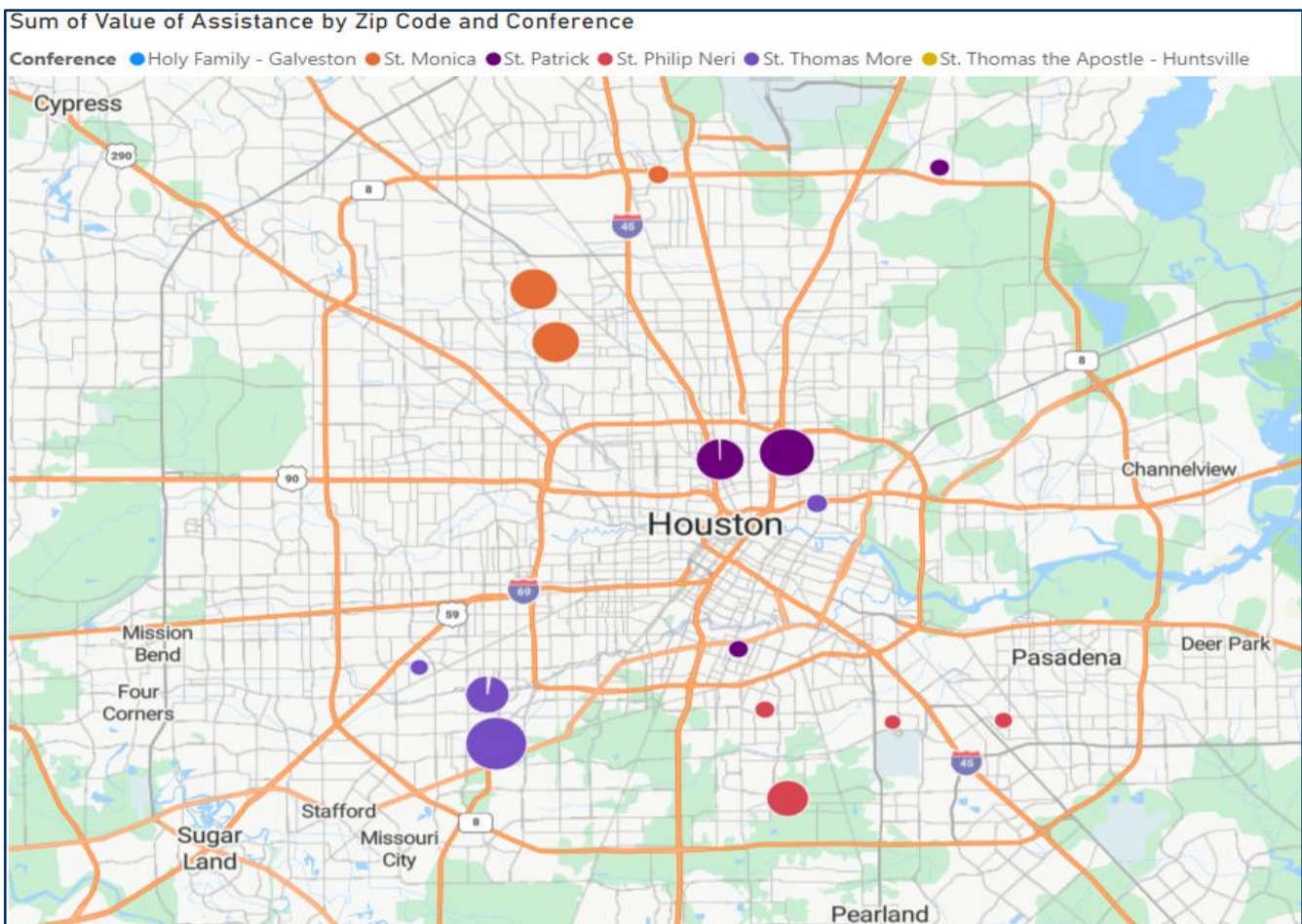
## II. FY23 IMPACT

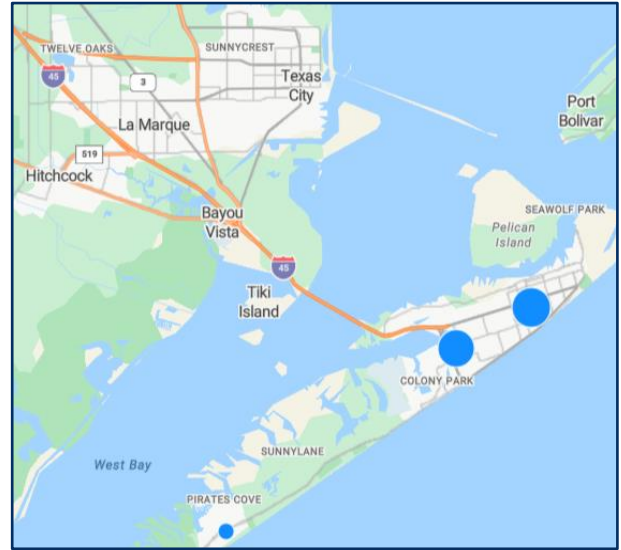
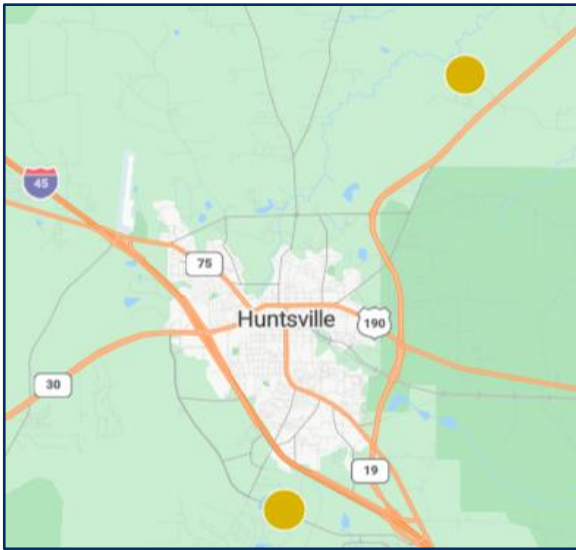
Total Individuals: **3777**  
Financial assistance provided: **\$702,204**  
Total Children: **1675**





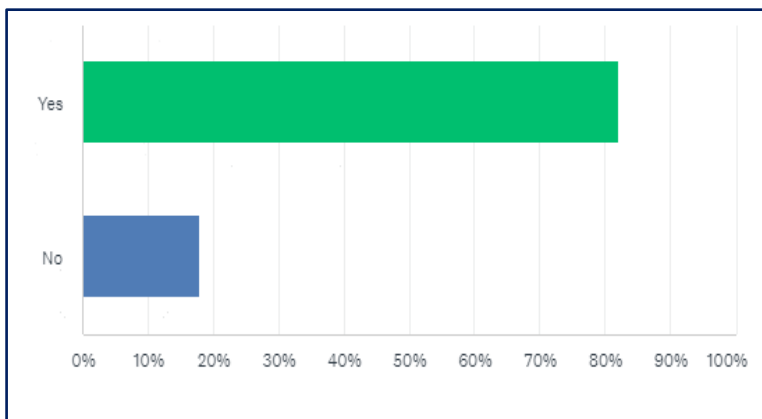
*Helping those in need across these Greater Houston Metro areas*





### III. EVALUATION OUTCOMES

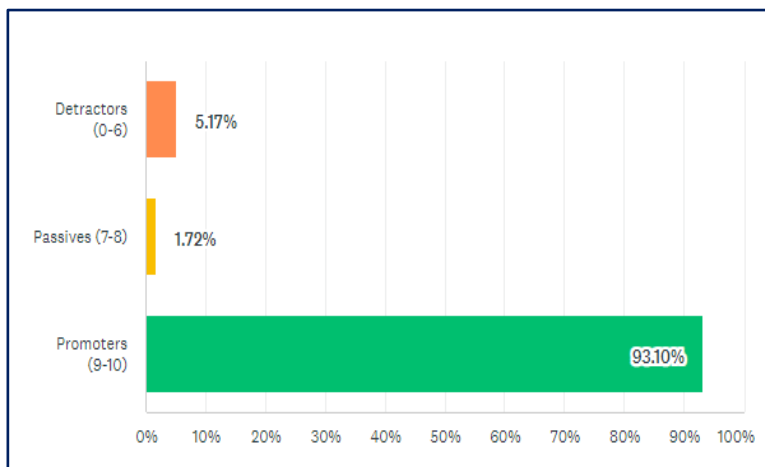
**82%** of participants expressed interest and have been referred to the *Systemic Change Initiative's* "Getting Ahead Program."



**>80%** stated readiness to start the program

Evaluation increased GAP applicants by **>50%**.

**>93%** of participants would recommend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.





## IV. IMPACT STORIES



When St. Thomas the Apostle's intake Vincentian listened to the voicemail messages one day, she heard, "Hello: I'm Juliet Montgomery, a social worker at Methodist Hospital. Please call me back." Little Donaldson discovered he had cancer of the nasal cavity in February. This kind of cancer has the potential to reach the brain; at the time of the surgery in March, the tumor had reportedly grown within one centimeter of his brain. A series of 28 radiation treatments were scheduled and unfortunately, could not begin until after dental work was performed- a tooth

extraction, fillings, and a deep cleaning. The total estimate for the dental work was \$1,430. Insurance would pay \$578 leaving a balance due of \$852. Already one month behind on rent, Little Donaldson's parents did not have the money. His illness decreased the number of hours they could work.

The first check Vincentians delivered was to the dental office for \$852; Little Donaldson is undergoing his series of radiation treatments. The second check Vincentians delivered was to the landlord for past due rent. This case would have never reached SVdP had it not been for the social worker who went above and beyond to help this child and his family.

"The grant funds enabled our conference to assist well in excess of historical levels and enabled us to serve not only the marginalized families but also those in a major financial crisis. We are so grateful for Juliet's phone call and for the UCP grant money we received for the **St. Thomas the Apostle Conference**."  
~ Chuck Dingman, Conference President

### **A father secured financial assistance from Holy Family – Galveston:**

Mr. Jackson is a 33-year-old father of four children- ages 12, 11, 10, and 8. He has sole custody of his children in addition to caring for his elderly mother; not to mention, he works evenings at a local HVAC company so that he can take classes at the local community college to obtain an associate degree. Unfortunately, work had been irregular for the past few months and his income became unpredictable. Mr. Jackson's net pay was between \$350 - 500 each week and his child support payments were only



\$250 each week. He would occasionally receive assistance from his mother, but much of her income now goes to medical expenses that were not covered by Medicare.

Adversity multiplied when the suspension on his automobile failed, and he began missing work due to the lack of transportation. He couldn't afford the repair because of the recent rent increase, which prompted him to call St. Vincent de Paul – Holy Family Galveston. "I am deeply grateful for your help during our time of need," he expressed to Vincentians during the home visit. Vincentians told him they would pay a mechanic to have his automobile repaired so that he could get to work and not fall behind on rent payments. "Thank you for understanding how important it is for me to have a vehicle to get to work to keep my family safe in our home."

"The love this dad has for his children radiated during the home visit and inspired Vincentians. Thanks to the Underserved Communities grant program, the Society at **Holy Family** was able to get his car to one of our preferred mechanics so that he could get to work and school and continue providing for his family." ~ Steve Bonin, Conference President



To view the *Underserved Communities Initiative* video from the 2023 Gala, visit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocese of Galveston Houston



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