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St. Vincent de Paul Receives Over \$3,000 From Salem Business District

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The Salem Business District, comprised of local businesses situated on or near Salem Road in Mt. Washington, recently held a month-long fundraiser and food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. The businesses pitched in, offering donations when customers bought special items and collected food donations within their retail locations. Over \$3,000 was raised through the effort.

"As business owners, we wanted to help our neighbors. We all feel that it is important to give back to our community," said Bryan Kauffeld, owner of Ulmer's Auto Care Center and a founding member of the Salem Business District. Ulmer's Auto Care donated \$5 from each oil change the service center performed in April.

The money raised by the Salem Business District fundraiser will help St. Vincent de Paul fund its neighborhood programs and including its six community thrift stores. The non-perishable food items collected will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul to those in need locally.



Pictured left to right: Liz Carter, St. Vincent de Paul Executive Director; John Larsen, Salem Community Church; Eric Miller; Bryan Kauffeld, Ulmer's Auto Care; Jeff Hallmark, Covent Garden; Tracy Sloan, Bob's Auto Repair; Tom Keegan, Keegan's Seafood; Sean Broerman, Bob's Auto Repair; Michael Persicano, Coffee Underground; Steve Busse, Nerd Patrol.

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