

Letter to the Editor:

St. Vincent de Paul held its Third Annual Walk for the Poor on Jan. 28. We want to thank all the people of Charlotte County who came out to publicly support the poor and needy in our community, and thanks also to those who otherwise donated to the walk.

Our walk is designated to highlight the tremendous need that surrounds us. In the last four years we have seen the demand for help skyrocket. The faces of those we serve has changed dramatically. No longer do we just see the chronically poor. Many former middle-class families have had to ask for help — last year they represented over 20 percent of those we serve.

Our local SVDP represents the four conferences of Sacred Heart, San Antonio, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Maximilian Kolbe. We are a 100 percent volunteer organization with 400-plus members who work tirelessly providing assistance including food, clothing, home furnishings, household goods and financial assistance to thousands of our needy neighbors in Charlotte County. The over \$14,000 raised will be used to continue to provide help locally.

I want to express our appreciation to all those who participated, and a very special thanks to all our sponsors. If you want to learn how to serve or donate please go to our website: www.svdpccharlottefldc.org.

Joe Sabatino

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