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Highlights of the ministries of
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton District Council

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A New Life

To escape domestic abuse and build a better life, a single mother brought her five children (aged 8 months to 10 years) all the way from Africa to Dayton, Ohio. They did not speak a word of English, but that did not deter SVdP Vincentians from helping the family. With the help of the YWCA to translate, Vincentians visited the family in their home. For a house with six people living in it, there were only four wooden chairs, a small coffee table, and mattresses on the floor.

With the help of donations from the Vincentians' parish and other resources, they were able to help the family furnish their home. Now the house also has a couch, a dining table to eat from, a TV, a toddler bed, stroller, highchair, and toys for the children. In the language of Kinyarwanda, "Murakoze!" (Thank You!)



A high chair and other furniture help a family start a new life.



Dianne smiling at her place in St. Vincent's supportive housing.

Newfound Freedom and Safety

Dianne never expected to be in shelter for over a year. She came to the St. Vincent's shelter after being kicked out of her ex-husband's house. Navigating the unfamiliar situation was difficult while she struggled to manage her medical issues and find housing.

Things began to turn around when she moved into St. Vincent's supportive housing. Dianne says "It feels great to be here. I have my own room, I have freedom. This is a breath of fresh air." Since moving into supportive housing, her health issues have improved, helping her to focus on finding permanent housing. With the support of staff, Dianne has found a safe place where she has the freedom to heal and grow.

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Our mission is to, with Christian purpose, accompany those in need one person at a time by focusing on shelter, food, and clothing. **Do you have questions about St. Vincent de Paul Society?** Email Josh Plandowski at jplandowski@stvincentdayton.org or scan the code.