



# Our Charism Leads Us

## About Us



Disaster Services Corporation, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (DSC) facilitates change by integrating equity into all aspects of emergency management. Our focus is on humanity and our vision supports the empowerment of marginalized communities within all phases of the disaster management cycle. We support development and implementation of innovative community-based programs and adaptation projects to enhance resilience in diverse, vulnerable, and underserved communities.

## Our Services

### Test, Train, Exercise



We train and deploy Vincentian volunteers. Teams are comprised of an Incident Commander, a Public Information Officer, a Resource Coordinator, and Logistics Officer.

### Grants Program



The DSC grant-making program supports Vincentian Councils and Isolated Conferences with essential funds for disaster response and recovery. Targeted grants aid logistics, rapid response, and recovery efforts, enhancing community resilience.

### Parish Recovery Assistance Center



P-RACs are located in parish community centers and provide a holistic approach to Disaster Recovery. P-RACs provide immediate casework, resources, and connect survivors to vital community services.

### House in a Box™



This program provides new furniture and furnishings to families that are reviewed and referred through the DCM process. The program is scalable to the size of the family and starts at \$3400 for a family of four.

### Disaster Case Management



DSC has coordinated DCM programs in various forms for decades. Case managers assist survivor families in their long-term recovery by advocating for clients, appealing adverse decisions of federal, state, private insurers, and other recovery funding decision-makers.

### Council Support



We are your steadfast partner in crisis, providing essential resources, comprehensive training, and strategic connections for effective disaster response. Our skilled team offers reliable support. Join our network to empower volunteers with specialized training and build resilient communities—one crisis at a time.

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## Thompson Family, Arkansas Tornado Disaster Survivors



In March 2023, a tornado devastated our home in Cross County, Arkansas, leaving us displaced and overwhelmed. With nowhere else to go, we stayed with my mom while figuring out our next steps. Thankfully, Disaster Case Manager Terah Redman stepped in, and with the support of DSC and generous nonprofits, we were able to rebuild and receive the essential furniture we needed. Though the journey hasn't been easy, we are deeply grateful for everyone who helped us return home and regain stability.

"The greatest thing we can do is allow those in need to have some dignity, and say to them, 'We are not the experts. Tell us how we can help you. What is it that you need?'"

### Robinson, Volunteer in Mississippi

"I'm burning out but thanking God I have you angels beside me to help me through this."

### Maria, Hurricane Ida Survivor.

"This is a gift from God for us. You can imagine how tight money is with seven kids, but this support has made a huge difference. We lost most of our belongings, but today, each and everyone of us will have the comfort of a bed and mattress to sleep on."

## Doty Family, Tornado Survivors in Kentucky

### Jamie Herman, Tornado Disaster Survivor, Mississippi

Jamie Herman, a Mississippi tornado survivor, will pay less for her mortgage than for rent, thanks to DSC's Disaster Case Management Program and their partnership with Rolling Fork Rising. Elizabeth Disco-Shearer noted, "Disasters often hit hardest those who are already marginalized. Our collaborative efforts ensure no one is left behind." SVDP Council President Carrie Johnson Robinson added, "The love and strength of Christ are truly evident in this project recovery." The people on the ground are making a difference through compassion and dedication which are fostering true change and rebuilding stronger communities.

