



# Vincentian Family Profile

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In the space below, please answer the following questions: Who are we? What is/are our mission and goals? What are the primary activities in the St. Louis region? Also, please list available publications and resources.

Ladies of Charity USA is a national network of local associations which are active in cities across the United States. The national office, housed within the Congregation of the Mission provincial offices, provides support to the national board whose job is to unify the local organizations and link us to the AIC, the International Associations of Charity. The mission of the Ladies of Charity USA is to provide Vincentian leadership to women acting together against all forms of poverty. At the local level, Ladies of Charity help to meet the immediate physical and spiritual needs of the poor and strive to advocate for and create opportunities for long-term change in the lives of the poor. There are 3 local associations in St. Louis and one in Perryville which are involved in direct service work including staffing food pantries and soup kitchens, rent/utility assistance, clothing windows for the homeless, a prayer shawl ministry and fundraising efforts to support the poor fund of St. Vincent DePaul parish. Ladies of Charity USA publishes a quarterly newsletter, the Servicette and has a newly revamped website: <http://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/>