While many ASU partnerships may begin as outreach and community service activities, mutually beneficial partnerships, such as the relationship between ASU and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, rely on deeper collaboration over time. These two organizations continue to increase the number of interwoven touchpoints between each other for broader resource sharing, expanded capacity and more impactful outcomes.

**Initiation**

ASU and SVdP began their partnership in the late 1980s when Philip Mizzi, associate professor of economics at ASU, started volunteering with the nonprofit and rapidly began inviting staff, faculty and students to join him.

**Integration**

The partnership was formalized via an MOU in July 2017 to set priorities and initiate a jointly-funded staff position. Multiple units now engage to increase connectivity between academic disciplines and community needs. There are 212 mutually beneficial touchpoints including 26 faculty connections.

**Impact**

The collaboration advances ASU student learning, faculty research and SVdP’s core mission. In addition to the positive outcomes achieved in the areas of social services, capacity building, health and sustainability, the partnership has yielded two published research projects and 43 Days of Service. Overall, 2,090 ASU students have 11,041 recorded service hours with SVdP to date.