



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® 5K WALK/RUN ST. KATHERINE DREXEL CONFERENCE

885 Cox Rd., Huntingtown MD, 20639
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Friends of the Poor 5K Walk/Run October 3, 2026 **Registration start 7:30am, Walk/Run 8-10am** **Kings Landing Park** **Corporate Team Fundraising Opportunity**

Join Together. Build Team Spirit. Change Lives.

The Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run is a unique national fundraising event organized by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Communities across the country come together on the same day to raise awareness about poverty and provide critical support to neighbors facing financial hardship.

Most importantly, **100% of the funds raised in Calvert County stay in Calvert County**, helping local individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Every day, families in our community face difficult choices between paying for food, housing, utilities, transportation, and medical care. Through the St. Katherine Drexel Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, dedicated volunteers provide emergency assistance that helps families remain in their homes, keep their lights on, put food on the table, and regain stability during times of crisis.

Each year, our conference assists approximately **600 individuals and families**, and it takes an average of **\$450 to help a household facing a financial emergency**. This year, our goal is to raise **\$18,000** to continue providing critical assistance to our neighbors in need.

We invite your company to become part of this important mission by creating a team for the Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run. Whether your employees walk, run, volunteer, donate, or fundraise, your participation will make a direct and lasting impact on families in our community.



Why Form a Company Team?

Strengthen Team Relationships

Participating together in a community event builds camaraderie, encourages teamwork, and creates a shared sense of purpose outside the workplace.

Demonstrate Community Leadership

Supporting local families in need showcases your company's commitment to making a positive difference in the community where your employees live and work.

Increase Employee Engagement

Studies consistently show that employees take pride in working for organizations that support meaningful causes. Community involvement can boost morale, job satisfaction, and employee loyalty.

Enhance Your Company's Visibility

Company teams receive recognition for their support and have the opportunity to proudly represent their business at the event. Many companies create custom team shirts, making the event a fun and visible demonstration of community involvement.

Corporate Team Challenge

Add some friendly competition while making a real difference in the lives of local families.

Companies participating in the Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run will have the opportunity to compete for special recognition awards:

🏆 Top Fundraising Company Team

Awarded to the company team that raises the most funds in support of local individuals and families in need.

🏆 Largest Company Team

Awarded to the business with the highest number of registered participants.

🏆 Community Champion Award

Awarded to the company that demonstrates outstanding commitment through sponsorship, employee participation, and fundraising efforts.



Winning teams will be recognized during the event, featured on our website and social media platforms, and receive a commemorative plaque to proudly display at their place of business.

Corporate Fundraising Milestones

Challenge your employees to reach one of our Corporate Impact Levels and earn special recognition for your company's commitment to helping local families.

Community Impact Level – \$1,000 Raised

Helping provide assistance to families facing unexpected financial hardship.

Hope Builder Level – \$2,500 Raised

Providing meaningful support that helps families maintain housing, utilities, and other basic necessities.

Neighbor Champion Level – \$5,000 Raised

Making a significant impact on the lives of multiple local individuals and families in need.

Friends of the Poor Champion Level – \$10,000+ Raised

Demonstrating exceptional community leadership and helping transform lives throughout Calvert County.

Companies achieving these milestones will receive recognition during the event, on our website, and through social media acknowledgments.

How Can Your Company Participate?

There are several ways to get involved:

Become an Event Sponsor

Support the event through one of our sponsorship opportunities and receive recognition while helping local families in need.

Form a Fundraising Team

Create a company team and encourage employees, family members, and friends to raise funds together. Every dollar raised stays local and directly benefits individuals and families in Calvert County.



Register Employees to Participate

Gather a team of walkers and runners to enjoy a fun, family-friendly event while supporting a worthy cause.

Do All Three

Many businesses choose to sponsor the event, form a fundraising team, and register employees to maximize their impact.

Make a Difference Together

When your company participates in the Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run, you're doing more than supporting an event—you are helping provide hope, dignity, and assistance to local families facing financial hardship.

To register, sponsor, donate, or create a company team, visit svdpcalvert.org.

If you have questions about getting your company involved, please contact us at svdp@jesusdivineword.org or call 443-684-9261 at svdp@jesusdivineword.org or call 443-684-9261.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.



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2026 Corporate Team Fundraising Form

Raised - Platinum: \$1,000

- Name/logo displayed on signage along the path
- Coupon/advertisement (business card size) given to all walkers/runners
- Name listed on the Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run website
- One 10' x 10' display tent during event (presenting sponsor may distribute materials or give away items to attract people to their area; a tent and table will be provided for you)

Raised - Gold: \$500

- Name/logo displayed on signage along the path
- Coupon/advertisement (business card size) given to all walkers/runners

Raised - Silver: \$250

- Name/logo displayed on signage along the path
- Coupon/advertisement (business card size) given to all walkers/runners

Raised - Bronze: \$100

- Coupon/advertisement (business card size) given to all walkers/runners

*St. Katherine Drexel Conference is a registered 501c3.
Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.*

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Friends of the Poor® 5K Walk/Run – Corporate Team Commitment Form

Additional Information:

Renee O'Neill

443-684-9261

Email - svdp@jesusdivineword.org

Website: svdpcalvert.org

Commitment Level Raised:

_____ Raised - Platinum: \$1,000

_____ Raised - Gold: \$500

_____ Raised - Silver: \$250

_____ Raised – Bronze: \$100

Event Information:

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Kings Landing Park

Registration: 7:30 a.m.

Start Time: 8 a.m.

Return Address (by September 14, 2026):

Make check payable to

St. Katherine Drexel Conference

Mail to

Att: Renee O'Neill

885 Cox Road

Huntingtown, MD 20639

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

We will contact you to obtain your companies/organization log and/or advertising information.



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Corporate Team Registration Form

*Entry fee is a donation of only \$30 per participant if registered by
September 14th. \$35 - September 15th & after*

Complete the below form and return it with your check for the amount due for all employee
participating, made to St. Katherine Drexel Conference.
Mail this and the form to 885 Cox Rd., Huntingtown MD, 20639

Please Print Clearly

Full Name (print)	E-mail Address	Phone Number



S.t Katherine Drexel Waiver Form

I recognize and acknowledge that there are inherent risks in my presence and participation in the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run on the date of the walk I am registered for. I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form will be used by the event holders, sponsors and organizers, in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said events. In consideration of my registration and participation in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns as follows:

(A) I hereby expressly agree that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives and agents, event holders, event sponsors and event directors (all hereinafter referred to as St. Vincent de Paul) shall not be liable for any damages arising from personal and/or bodily injury, including death or property damage sustained by me or my guest while participating in the Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run. I assume full responsibility for any such injuries or damages that may occur to me or my guest. I also specifically agree that St. Vincent de Paul shall not be responsible for any such injuries, loss or damage even in the event of negligence or fault by St. Vincent de Paul. This waiver does not, however, apply to gross negligence or intentional torts by St. Vincent de Paul.

(B) Indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals and entities as a result of any of my actions during this event.

I am aware the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not provide health and accident coverage for me and it is my responsibility to pay any medical bills from injuries sustained while participating in the Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during this event.

I understand that at this event or related activities, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors organizations and assigns.

I have read and fully understand this waiver and release of claim form

Printed Name _____ **Signature** _____

Date _____

Emergency Contact _____ **Emergency Phone Number** _____

If under 18 years old, parent or guardian must also sign next page.



St. Katherine Drexel Waiver Form
PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS (If under 18 years of age)

The undersigned parent and natural guardian does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, acting in such capacity and agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all the parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said parties because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said parties on behalf of the minor and the parents or legal guardian. I understand that the foregoing Accident and Release of Liability shall apply to my child. I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run, with the understanding that every reasonable effort will be made to plan for safe participation in this event.

Participant's Name_____ **Participant's Age**_____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian_____ **Date**_____

Emergency Contact_____

Emergency Phone Number_____

