



*Breaking the Cycle of Poverty*

### ***Volunteers Needed!***

While the Indianapolis Council of St. Vincent de Paul is funding this program, many hands and hearts from St. Anthony are needed to ensure its success. Whatever your interests and talents, there's a place for you in the Changing Lives Forever program. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities:

#### ***Getting Ahead Partners***

After completing the workshop, graduates benefit from having a Getting Ahead Partner for practical support and encouragement. No special skill or knowledge is required, other than a willingness to walk with someone as they are working toward difficult life changes. If people say you are patient, persistent, or a good listener, God may be inviting you to become a Partner. Training, and ongoing support is provided.

#### ***Support Team Members***

**Advisors** share their knowledge in specific areas such as finances, health and fitness, job search strategies, or education. This takes less time than being a Partner.

**Helping hands** bring lunch to one or more workshop sessions.

**Prayer partners** to lift investigators up in prayer as complete the program.

**Transportation helpers** to take participants to or from one or more sessions.

**Child Care** one or more sessions

## **Coming to our Cohort Parish St. Anthony's!**

### **Hope in Action:**

#### **The Changing Lives Forever Program**

Sponsored across the country by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, this proven program begins with the Getting Ahead Workshop. Christian in its content and purpose, the workshop is for people who are serious about moving out of poverty and toward a life that is stronger financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Over the course of eighteen weekly sessions, participants investigate resources and learn and practice new skills. They work to create a future story for themselves and build a personal plan for sustainable success. Hope grows and lives are changed through this process.

This summer, St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Barnabas is partnering with St. Anthony to offer a Changing Lives Forever Getting Ahead Workshop right here in our own parish.

**Who:** Anyone who wants to move toward self-sufficiency and is willing to work toward a better life. Volunteers are also needed (see left-hand column).

**Where:** St. Anthony Catholic Church, Providence Center

**When:** Tuesdays from 11:30 to 2:30 pm for 18 weeks, beginning July 11. Lunch is provided. Please note that applications to attend the workshop are due by June 30,

**Cost:** None. Participants receive a stipend each week for their attendance and work.

**Why:** Because even in hard times people can move ahead and gain greater self-respect.

**To apply, volunteer, or for more information please contact Dawn Lane at 317.691.0806 or dawn\_m\_lane@yahoo.com**