The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay, volunteer, Catholic non-profit organization that has been serving people in need around the world since 1833 and in the United States since 1845. The Society provides compassionate support regardless of race, origin, religion or gender. Vincentians visit the disadvantaged in their homes, establishing a charitable relationship to better address their needs whether financial, spiritual or emotional.

In 2012 The Society of St Vincent de Paul’s National Council, in collaboration with aha! Process, initiated a vision to “End Poverty Through Systemic Change”. In cooperation with that vision the SVDP Rockford Council developed ‘Hope Takes Action’, incorporating ‘Bridges Out of Poverty’ education for the community and ‘Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ by World’ workshops for those suffering poverty.

You are Invited to

Getting Ahead

PROGRAM FOR CHANGE

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTING-BY WORLD

Mentored Program for Building a Better Life

An incredible 16-20 session program, for those individuals willing to participate, that creates an individualized future story focused on getting out of poverty!

Now is your time! You will:

• Be a part of a 16-20 session “kitchen table” informational workshop, “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World”.
• Learn to build more resources for your life. Move beyond thinking about making a change to actually doing it!
• Be supported by mentors to make a positive difference in your life.

You will receive:

• Free meals and childcare (if needed) during work sessions.
• Be paid a weekly stipend to help support you during the workshop series.

APPLY TODAY!

For more information call (815) 385-3251 or email info@hopetakesaction.net

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The secret to Getting Ahead is getting started.

- Mark Twain

Commit to changing YOUR future. Commit to GETTING AHEAD.

START NOW

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Building Bridges
Bringing together people wanting to escape poverty with people who can help!

**OUR MISSION**

“Empower individuals in poverty to transition to self-sufficiency with community support.”

“Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” is a 16 - 20 session workshop series providing people motivated to get out of poverty the tools and support necessary to ‘Get Ahead’ in today’s world. Working in a group learning environment, you will investigate your experience of poverty, as well the impact within your community, providing critical information to take action to end poverty.

Learn that money is only 1 of 11 resources used to define poverty. Learn how these resources affect your life and the lives of your family. By examining the resources you have versus the resources you need, you will be able to formulate a personal plan, based on goals, to get out of poverty.

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11 **Resources**

Personalize your plan to a better life utilizing these key resources:

- Financial
- Emotional
- Language
- Mental / Cognitive
- Social Capital (Connections)
- Physical
- Spiritual
- Motivation / Persistence
- Integrity / Trust
- Relationships / Role Models
- Knowledge of the ‘Hidden’ Rules

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**WHERE TO START**

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**YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS**

Commit to making a change. YOU can be the difference in your life. Let the journey to your new future begin!

**Find out if this opportunity is right for you!**

- Identify Your Strengths
- Share Your Experience
- Learn from Others
- Take Responsibility in the Program
- ‘Get Ahead’ in today’s world!

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