

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdeP) - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 2022

REVENUE

Donations (cash) from monthly poor box - non receipted	\$5,209.68
Donations "receipted"	\$21,567.00
Funds from other Registered Charities (KOC)	\$1,000.00
Assistance from SVdeP Particular Council	\$4,000.00
Total Revenue	\$31,776.68

EXPENSES

Charitable Works: -

- purchase food \$728.00 & Food Basics cards for monthly giving *and* Christmas	\$29,227.37
- SVdeP Thrift Store purchase bed sets (reimbursed by Particular Council)	\$930.00
- Christmas gifts for families and seniors (blankets/chocolates)	\$930.99
Office Supplies: Unite phone service \$324.72 & Bank Fee (cheques) \$74.76	\$399.48
Conference Liability & Insurance (paid by Particular Council)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$31,487.84

SURPLUS \$288.84

ASSETS & LIABILITIES:

Cash on hand and in bank, December 2021	\$3070.97
2022 Surplus	\$288.84
Equals Cash on hand in bank on December 2022	\$3,359.81
Investments (Emergency Bequest fund) - Long Term Funds	\$2,145.54
Total Assets:	\$5,505.35

Food and food gift cards distributed in 2022 as follows:

<u>Family households</u> (112 adults/ 120 children)	# of households helped in 2022: 45 - # of visits to families: 301 # of families provided with Christmas assistance: 40
<u>Adults (2+) household</u> (18 adults)	# of households helped in 2022: 6 - # of visits to adults: 40 # of adults provided with Christmas assistance: 18
<u>Individual Adult household</u> (14 adults)	# of households helped in 2022: 14 - # of visits to individuals: 62 # of singles provided with Christmas assistance: 13

Our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been operating from St. Mary's Parish for well over 35 years. Membership into the Society is totally voluntary and requires only the "desire" to help the less fortunate. Currently we operate with 18 volunteers, **a wonderful response to our call for help!** The aim of the Society is to help individuals and families in need who live in Hespeler, whether parishioners or not. The Society is very grateful for all that you do and is in need of your continued support **"in helping us to help others"**.

*If you have any questions or would like to become a volunteer, please contact us at **519-658-6511**
To donate furniture, household items, clothing or other items to the Store call **519-629-0103***

Origins of the Society

St. Vincent de Paul began back in 1833 when a young 20-year-old student and his 5 colleagues were challenged by a non-Catholic student to “Put their faith in Action”. As a result of that challenge, they translated that action into Charity (helping the needy) and thus began what is now a worldwide Society that operates out of many of our local Catholic Churches.

Here at St. Mary’s the Society has been in existence for well over 35 years. While we operate through the church it is the **parishioners** that provide the means by way of food and donations that allow us to serve the needy. On the last weekend of each month the parish allows us to have a SVDP collection weekend where parishioners donate what they can in our “poor box”, **every bit adds up!** Funds collected are used to buy **Food Basics gift cards** which are distributed to 3 types of Households: Families with children, Single Individuals, and 2 and more Adult households. The card amount distributed depends on the household type and size. Along with the card we provide a generous 3-day **emergency food hamper** of non-perishable goods. In 2022 we served 65 households totaling 144 adults and 120 children. On average we visit 30 households per month.

The food from our pantry which we provide during those calls come from special Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving food drives which are held here in the parish **and** at our 3 local elementary schools. There are other special events such as “Coats for Kids” and food drives initiated by the *Knights of Columbus*.

Because of the generosity of our parishioners & community we can also provide our clients with a SVdeP Store voucher that enables them to go to our store located in Galt to receive clothing, housewares, small appliances and furniture - **all free of charge**.

We’d like to say a big thank you and ask for your continued support in “**helping us to help others**”.

- (1) By giving through our monthly collection “**Poor Box**”
- (2) By donating your **gently used** items to the SVdeP Store so we can continue to provide “free” merchandise to clients who otherwise would go without.
- (3) By **becoming a Volunteer** and offering your time of 2-3 hours per month to assist in serving the needy, face to face or by serving in other aspects of the Society.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call us at 519-658-6511.

You can donate gently used items directly to our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 75 Dundas Street North. If you have larger items and require pick up, please call them at 519-629-0103 to discuss and arrange for pick up.

Please note we provide **receipts** for cash or cheque donations if you provide your name and address with your donation.

For further information on St. Vincent de Paul you can access our National website at **www.svdp.ca**.

Thank you for your generous support for our Christmas Project which not only provided gifts to members of 65 households, but also allowed us to reach out to 40 Seniors to bring them joy this Christmas as well!

“THANK YOU”