



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**
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SERVING IN HOPE
PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Visiting people in need in their homes and serving them in various ways is our principal work, the very hallmark of the Society.

Welcome to the first newsletter from SSVP Hamilton and surrounding areas. For those of you who already know and support us, a huge **THANK YOU!** We could not do anything without your help. We hope this newsletter will keep you informed of our activities. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we hope this newsletter will help you get to know us better. For more information, visit our website at ssvphamiltonpc.org

How do we serve our community?

Helping Put Food On The Table



The volunteers in our conferences visit people in need in their homes. We provide them with vouchers for groceries. We inform them about other resources available in Hamilton and we also help them get good quality used furniture and clothing from our thrift stores. We provide hampers and food vouchers at Christmas in addition to toys and gift cards for children in need.

In 2020, we made 1,126 visits assisting 1,311 adults and 1,061 children providing \$239,265 of food vouchers and goods. During the pandemic we have continued to serve while adhering to all public health protocols.

Our Thrift Stores



Our stores have furniture, small appliances, beds, linen and clothing. Come and check out our men's, women's and children's quality clothing, exciting furniture pieces and home décor, vintage records and books and more! Thrifting is fun for everyone, lots of great deals to be had here.

Like/follow us on Facebook to find out about in-store sales, new items and awesome deals at:

<https://www.facebook.com/vinniesfeelgoodshopping>.

Check out our stores at <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/stores/>

Store Locations:

200 Parkdale Ave. North at Britannia, phone: 905-549-3902
429 Barton Street East, phone: 905-522-7045

Working for Social Justice

We are actively working in the areas of education, homelessness and health and wellness.

- **Helping Children Get A Good Education**



We encourage/assist parents of young children to take advantage of our Seeds of Hope program that allows children to access funding through a Canada Learning Bond from the government to support their education. This is at no loss of any government benefits and no cost to the family. In addition, through our Regional Council's "Ozanam Education Fund", we provide funding to our "friends in need", to help them escape the cycle of poverty. This is relative to post-secondary education and apprenticeships. We have children that have received

over \$2,000 for education from the government as well as donations from SSVP that are matched by the government. We also provide up to \$3,000 from our Education Fund to assist children with their education.

- **National Housing Campaign**



We support the St. Vincent de Paul National Housing Campaign because we believe that "Safe, secure and affordable housing is a human right".

See a short video here -

<https://www.ssvp.ca/sites/default/files/housing-life-goals-e.mp4>

No one should be without a home!

Help Us To Help Others!

Your prayers are a huge help. Please consider joining the SSVP at your church or volunteering at our store – both are very rewarding experiences. If there is no conference in your parish, then help us start one.

Call us at 905 549-3902 for more information. Finally, please consider helping us financially. All our funding comes from donors and we can assure you that every dollar is used to better the circumstances of those in need and especially to improve the future of children. You can donate at <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/donate/>.

Thank you to all our present supporters and a big welcome to our new supporters. We deeply appreciate your support in helping people in need. If you would like to know more about us, please go to our web site at <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/>

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