

*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 second 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. As we approach the Christmas season and 2022, we want to update you on our good work. For more information, visit our website at [ssvphamiltonpc.org](https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org). Also follow and like us on our new Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ssvphamilton>

## Our Focus

Recently we have developed a plan taking us to 2024. In that plan we have identified 7 areas of focus. Those being Family Services, Our Thrift stores, Education, Homelessness, Health and Wellness, partnering with a sister conference in Central or South America and assisting our indigenous people in need (North of 60).

### Family Services - Preparing for Christmas



Most of our conferences are preparing to provide a special Christmas offering to our local clients. This may include additional food vouchers, gifts and Christmas baskets.

It has always been a fulfilling and heart-warming experience to bring this joy to our friends who otherwise cannot afford the added expense at this time of year.

**In general, we hope to grow our Family giving by 15% over next 2 years. We have recently added St. Eugene's parish to our list of conferences and hope to add others soon.**

### Our Thrift Stores



Our 3 stores are a key component of our service to the poor. They provide affordable items for sale and provide conferences the resources to supply needed furniture, bedding and other essential items to their clients. We are always in need of donations and volunteers to keep up with the demands.

**Hamilton-Parkdale Store**

200 Parkdale Ave. North at Britannia

**Hamilton West-Barton St Store**

429 Barton Street East

**Dunnville Store**

116 Lock St. East, Dunnville

## Education



So far, we have 54 children benefiting from our Seeds of Hope program. If a family qualifies, they can obtain a \$2,000 grant from the government (Canada Learning Bond) to be used to start a RESP. We then contribute at least \$100 per year to this account. This gives hope for the future education of their children. Children are our future and we are making efforts to build partnerships with our community schools.

We also, through the Ozanam Fund, provide up to \$3,000 per year for older children or adults for post secondary education.

**Homelessness and Health and Wellness** [Link to our Pamphlet on topic](#)

## Twinning



There are many international conferences that need help and exist in countries plagued with poverty and situations far worse than ours. 6 conferences current Twin with another conference providing them funds, support and friendship. Currently we support conferences in Peru, Antigua, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago and Guatemala.

## North of 60



North of 60 is a program that helps support Ontario Particular Council provide containers of food and supplies to the indigenous people in need in the north. They are desperate for our help and support.

Please click on link for short video

[North of 60](#)

## 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/>

God bless you!