

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Theresa's Shrine Conference ANNUAL REPORT 2021

St. Theresa's Shrine Conference (11 members) made 431 visits in 2021 to serve 95 households (596 adults and 250 children).

Our primary assistance this past year has been for food but we were also able to provide some beds, clothing vouchers and, in one instance, a small amount of 'one time' rent help.

Once again, COVID restrictions, forced us to visit by phone and deliver assistance, including the delivery of our 2021 Christmas help, by mail.

Our Christmas Appeal 2021 was launched in the last weekend of October and your response was truly wonderful.

Your donations allowed us to provide Christmas food assistance to 92 homes (123 adults and 75 children). The mailing of Christmas food help and a personalized card for each household, began December 5 and continued until December 24, when the last request was filled.

The total spent on Christmas assistance this year was \$8,675. No one who asked for help was turned away.

All this was made possible through the generous support of

- our parishioners, neighbours and other donors, whether donating once or throughout the year
- the Staff, students and families of St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School
- The Staff, students and families of St. Theresa's Shrine Elementary
- The Knights of Columbus of St. Theresa's Shrine Parish

On January 1, 2021, our Bank Balance was \$14,288.

In 2021, our Total Revenue was \$28,873.

- Tax Receipted Gifts in Kind...... \$ 475 (Gift Cards)
- Donations (other registered Charities) \$ 1,244 (Private Giving Foundations, Canada Helps.Org, Knights of Columbus, St. Theresa's Shrine Elementary School)
- Poor Box and other unreceipted Donations. \$ 1,062
- Fundraising without a receipt.....\$ 650 (St. John Henry Newman C.H.S. students & staff)

In 2021, our Total Expenditures were \$26,947.

- \$ 25,661 Food Assistance (Including \$375 in PC Gift Cards donated at Christmas)
- \$ 150 Rent Assistance
- \$ 514 payment to SSVP Stores for 2 bed sets, 1 box spring, 2mattress covers
- \$ 100 4x \$25 Gift Cards (Value Village)
- \$ 522 Office Expenses (Stamps, Bank Charges)

Thanks to you, our donors, our revenues for the year exceeded our expenses by \$1926.

Ninety-eight cents out of every one of your donated dollars that we spent this year helped someone in need.

We, the members of your Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, are most grateful for your continued prayers and support of our 'neighbours in need'.

The most pressing need within our community continues to be for food assistance and that need is increasing. Calls to our Helpline in 2021 were up 12% over 2020.

Your generosity will allow us to continue with our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul mission.

We encourage you to use our grey Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes found at the back of the church when donating so that we are able to issue a Tax Receipt to you at year end.

WITH YOUR HELP, we firmly believe that WE CAN and DO make a difference.

Upcoming Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Events

- Our Spring Bundle Up is scheduled for April 9-10, 2022.
- Our Fall Bundle Up is scheduled for Oct. 8-9, 2022.

We are waiting for an announcement on whether Camps Marygrove and Ozanam will be able to open this summer. Stay tuned......

On behalf of all those in need that you have helped and on behalf of the Members of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Theresa's Shrine Conference

Thank You and God Bless You.