

Welcome to our newsletter from SSVP Hamilton and surrounding areas. We hope this newsletter provides insight into the impact we are making for those in need in the Hamilton area. For more information, visit our website at ssvphamiltonpc.org. Also follow and Like us on our Facebook page. [Facebook](#). We are also on Instagram @SSVP Hamilton/Hamilton-West. [Click here](#) for fun video about what we do.

We are dedicated to helping anyone in need in our Hamilton communities. We are 22 conferences strong and growing! Your support is essential to our success.

Fundraising/Events Save the Dates!

Our events earned us over \$60,000 last year. Thanks for your support! We will be repeating our main events again next year. Mark your calendar.

Dinner Dance - Michelangelo Banquet Center – May 16st, 2025

Lottery – Tickets are available. Draw will be May 16th at Dinner Dance. Call Harry Aire for tickets. 905 320-3705. Tickets will also be available through each conference.

Golf – Friday August 15th 2025 at Flamborough Hills. Call John van der Zalm for more information – 905 920-2117

Purse Bingo – St. Naum Banquet Hall – Friday Oct 3rd, 2025

For more information, please visit our events page. [Click here](#)

Christmas Magic



This is a wonderful time of year. Above and beyond the support we provide all year, we dig deeper and prepare a Christmas gift for our neighbours in need. Many conferences like Annunciation of our Lord had a Jesse or Angel tree. Hundreds of households were given gifts, food vouchers, groceries and vouchers for our stores.

The experience of giving this love to our friends in need was as much a gift to the givers as it was for receivers.

God bless us all for sharing the generosity than makes us Vincentians!

Social Justice



Hats (Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters) has initiated a project to provide the homeless with a home. St. Vincent de Paul, through the efforts of Juliette Diamate from Waterdown and Bruce Crampton of Hamilton West. We will appeal to all conferences to donate \$200 towards furnishing a home with bed, mattress and other essential items to create a comfortable and safe home. Beds and linen have been donated by Hamilton West.dc

Our Impact



Every parent's wish is for their children to have a safe and happy future. We contribute to this through our Seeds of Hope project. By establishing an RESP and applying for the Canada Learning Bond and donating to that account, we plant the seed that will become a means for children to obtain a higher education and options for a successful career. Most of our friends would never have the funds for this to be real. We have helped over 150 children and we are working to double this to over 300 by 2026.

Education

Annunciation of our Lord conference has helped a young person who in her 3rd year of nursing but struggling with expenses. With the guidance of Maria Scattolon and our Treasurer, Dawne Jeffrey, they helped her through the process to obtain an Ozanam Fund award. \$3,000 was successfully obtained.

Her school expenses were growing, and she needed support to carry her through the costs of her studies with books, course work, professional attire, a tablet and car insurance to help her get to class while at the same time trying to maintain assistance for her mother and siblings as she also lived at home.

With the grace of God and the support of the Ozanam Fund we look forward to this young person reaching her plan of supporting patients in the health care system with much perseverance and gratitude for everyone's efforts to make her dream a reality.

Our Thrift Stores



The Barton Street St. Vincent de Paul store has been a nominee and winner of the Hamilton Spectator Readers Choice Award since 2021. In 2024, the store was recognized as meriting top honours once again with the Diamond Award. This store is now under new management as John and Karen have resigned. We thank them and

wish them well in their new endeavours. Tracy Austin will co-manage both Parkdale and Barton stores. As always, we are in need of more volunteers. Remember to visit our store in Dunville.

North of 60 – Year 4



For the 4th consecutive year, a sea container will be shipped to Coral Harbour in early September. This could not be done without the donations of money and food items from our conferences. Our partnership with Freshco's owner Connor O'Rourke from the Barton and Nash Road store has been a tremendous help. Together Hamilton and Hamilton West will send over 700 kilos of goods. We need approximately \$25,000 to accomplish this project. Our relationship with this poor northern community has provided them essential food supplies to manage their severe winter.

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