



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](http://ssvphamiltonpc.org). Also, **Follow** and **Like** us on our Facebook page. [Facebook](#). We are also on Instagram @SSVP Hamilton/Hamilton-West. [Click here](#) for a fun video about what we do. If you wish to donate to SSVP, please visit our website. [Please Donate](#)

## 2025 in Review

We have seen in 2025 the continued growth of need in the Hamilton area. Our support is extending beyond the needs coming from our conferences but also in other areas of Hamilton who do not yet have a conference and from other charitable organizations.

We visited 3,000 families, which is 13% higher than last year and provided \$475,000 worth of food, furniture, and household goods, which is 10% higher than last year. We are primarily a volunteer-based organization, so our administrative costs are less than 3%. We grew our volunteer base by 17%.

## Fundraising

We have several events coming up. We are actively selling Lottery tickets. Tickets can be purchased by calling John van der Zalm at 905 920-2117.

### SAVE THE DATES:



- Dinner Dance** ..... Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at Galileo Gardens
- Golf** ..... Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Flamborough Hills Golf Course
- Purse Bingo** ..... Friday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at [St.](#) Naum Hall
- Rock for Education** .... Saturday, Nov 20, 2026 at Legion Hall in Waterdown  
(an Adele tribute by Angela Seeger)



Go to our events page for more information. [Events link](#)

## Our Impact

### Journey to College Success



Dami, a high school student, faced significant financial challenges as he prepared to pursue a college education in construction. When Dami began classes at Mohawk College, he did so without any basic materials. With the support of SSVP education fund, Dami received all the equipment he needed, including a computer and safety gear required for his two-year program. Dami's achievement will not only elevate his own prospects, but will also have a positive effect on his siblings and the wider community, setting an inspiring example of perseverance and support.

**God is good all the time and all the time God is good.**

## Education and Social Justice

We are very focused on education. It provides hope for our friends to change their future. If you know anyone wishing to begin or continue their education, let Maria know ([mariascattolon@gmail.com](mailto:mariascattolon@gmail.com)).

We are always looking to provide help through our educational programs – Ozanam Fund and Seeds of Hope.

## Our Thrift Stores



Are you spring cleaning? We are always looking for donations for our stores – and we pick up! Call us or drop off at one of our stores.

Did you know we accept appliances? In addition to clothing, furniture, and household items, we do sell appliances.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with sorting and retail. Contact Rita at [ritassvphamilton@gmail.com](mailto:ritassvphamilton@gmail.com)

**Hamilton-Parkdale Store**

200 Parkdale Ave. North at Britannia

905 549-3902

**Hamilton West-Barton St Store**

429 Barton Street East

905 522-7045

**Dunville Store**

116 Lock St. East, Dunville

905 701-9999

## Generosity is Humbling

We are very blessed with donations. Overall, our income is up 20%, and a large part is from donations. These donations come from many sources. Here are 2 examples.

We at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Joseph and Antonia Mensink Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation for their generous donation this year and in the past. We truly appreciate that you value the work we do in helping people in need in our community.

A young boy named Sean decided to contribute to our efforts by donating the money he earned from a neighbour for shoveling snow in the winter. He wanted to donate to a worthy cause, and his grandparents told him about our ministry. As a result, Sean's good works were directed to our efforts along with his grandparents, Bob and Paula, who were inspired by their grandson's decision and made a donation as well to our organization. Well done, Sean! We are very proud of you as well as your family. God bless you.

In terms of donations, you have the option to include St. Vincent de Paul in your will. You can also give in memory of a loved one. There is also a fairly new option to donate by selling shares. Ask us about this.

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*Serving those in need with Love, Respect, Justice, and Joy*