

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 fun video about what we do. If you wish to donate to SSVP, please visit our website. [Please Donate](#)

## New Canadian's Support

We have seen an increase in our support of new Canadian families. At least 6 families have been helped so far this year. They have primarily been from Africa and struggle finding employment despite being very educated. The stores have provided needed beds and household items.

## Fundraising

We had a wonderful Dinner Dance on May 22nd. As part of the night, we drew the Lottery Winners. They were Lise M. \$2,000 Ticket #4728, David C. \$1,000 Ticket #1041, Cathy M. \$500 Ticket #2879, Teresa E. \$500 Ticket #2621, Carol B. \$500 Ticket #1844, Trish W. \$500 Ticket #0085, Karen C \$860 50/50 Winner. Thanks to Brenda Hamilton and team to make this event successful!



4th Annual Golf tournament is Friday August 14th, 2026 at Flamborough Hills Golf Course. We have over 130 golfers to date – 144 is a sellout. Please help us get to the finish line. We also need sponsors. If you know a business owner, let them know about us. John van der Zalm should be contacted at 905 920-2117

**Purse Bingo** is Friday Oct 23rd, 2026 at St. Naum Hall. See web site for details.

**Rock for Education** Friday, Nov 20, 2026 Legion Hall in Waterdown (an Adele tribute by Angela Seeger)

Ontario Region is having a **Gala night** at the Oakville Convention Center September 18th. Tickets are \$150 each and a \$75 tax receipt will be provided.

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

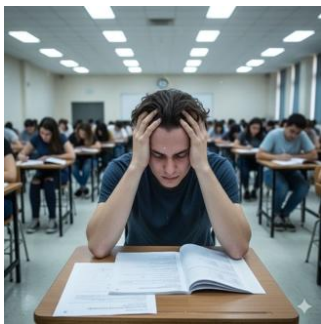
## Our Impact

### Fidel Serugo Karuzi



Fidel was born in Minembwe, Congo, where education was highly valued despite challenging living conditions of war and genocide. Fidel's family supported by the United Nations eventually resettled in Canada. Despite financial hardships language barriers, and health challenges within his family of 7 children and parents, he remained focused on his dream of education. Today with a \$4,000 grant from the SSVP Ozanam Education Fund Fidel is pursuing a nursing career at Mohawk College, driven by a passion for helping others through healthcare.

## Education and Social Justice



Are you aware that the province has slashed non-repayable OSAP grants from 85% down to 25%, forcing low-income students to take out 75% of their aid in loans? This policy shift, combined with rising tuition, leaves our poorest youth facing an average annual debt increase of \$4,700—with some high-need students taking on over \$7,200 more in loans each year, even when qualifying for maximum aid. At the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, we know higher education is the most effective pathway out of generational poverty. Now, this sudden debt trap threatens to price vulnerable neighbors out of the classroom entirely. Our emergency financial aid and community support are urgently needed to keep the door to a better future open.

## Our Thrift Stores



We are always looking for lightly used donations of household items including couches for our stores – and we pickup! 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. Contact Tracy at [ssvpparkdalemng@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpparkdalemng@gmail.com) for general inquiries.

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

## Growing partnership with Other Agencies

We are getting more known within other agencies such as Hamilton Housing. Referrals for families that need assistance are coming to us. This may lead to more formal partnerships but for now it is encouraging that our good work is being noticed in the city. On our own we cannot do everything for those in need so working with other agencies gives our Neighbours in Need a bigger safety net.

## North of 60 – Coral Harbour



We have reached the five-year milestone of sending a sea container filled with non-perishable goods to Saliq (Coral Harbour). The community is anxiously waiting for the sea container to arrive to supplement their food supply with non-perishable goods. As summer approaches and the snow begins to recede, there is renewed hope that there will be an abundance of fish, whale, and wildlife to fish and hunt. Throughout this time, we have remained committed to supporting the community and helping address the challenges families face in Coral Harbour. Financial donations along with non-perishable food donations are greatly appreciated from our donors.

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