



*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 third 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 spring 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>

## 2021 Results

Our past year showed an increase in our giving. Over \$284,000 of vouchers and household goods were given out by 164 volunteers. Over 1,500 visits made. Please visit our results page for more details.

<https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/annual-report-2021/>

## Ukraine

The current war in Ukraine is a tremendous tragedy. SSVP Canada is twinned with 2 conferences in the Ukraine. Please read the statement provided in this link. [Vincentian Family in Ukraine](#)

## Lottery

We have just undertaken a new fundraising event. Our lottery will pay out \$2,000 in prizes to winners with grand prize being \$1,000. Tickets are only \$2.00 and can be obtained by contacting us. Draw will be June 4th. The proceeds will help with food vouchers and support for our stores. Please call John van der Zalm at 905 920-2117 or Lorenzo Mostacci at 905 730-031 for more info.



## Family Services – Christmas joy

During the Christmas season, hundreds of families were given an extra gift of food and other shopping vouchers. It was a joy to deliver these gifts and feel the honest gratitude. It was truly the hands of Jesus at work.

In Dundas, who had received a grant of \$10,000 last year, distributed \$6,940 in grocery food cards to 45 households. There was a particular emphasis put on SINGLE neighbours in need who pay non-subsidized rent.

## 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 (Seeds of Hope)



We have added 24 children to our list since our last newsletter. We are up to 86 children who are being supported by SSVF conferences to save for future education through RESP savings accounts. Through the Canada Learning Bond, up to \$2,000 is available to our clients to start this savings account. For mature clients we have the Osanam fund to support post secondary school.

We are committed to strengthening the hope for a better future for our clients. This initiative allows us to give a Hand up rather than Hand out!

## North of 60



North of 60 is an initiative to supplement the Inuit community in Northern Canada with non-perishable food items that are unavailable and unaffordable. This year we will help the community of Coral Harbour which needs essential non-perishable food items. Coral Harbour has a population of 1035 residents of which 650 are youth from 0-17. Donations will fill a container to be sent in July and arrive in September.

Your help will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Maria at 905-515-2174 [mariascattolon@gmail.com](mailto:mariascattolon@gmail.com)

## Rejuvenation

We are working on rejuvenating our Society over the next few years. We'd love to have more members in Hamilton and start conferences in churches that don't yet have one. Please think about joining us when the time comes. Consider PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION. Recently St. Eugene's has started a conference.

**Our Story Part III** – Read more about our fascinating history SSVF and Good Shepherd. Follow link for full story [SVDP and Good Shepherd](#)

**Our Vincentians** – An interview with the wonderful Dorothy Tapajna. Thank you for your years of service! Follow link for full story [Dorothy Tapajna](#)

**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/>.

**God bless you!**