

Welcome to the fourth newsletter from SSVP Hamilton and surrounding areas. We hope this newsletter provides insight to 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](#)

Ozanam Day



September marks the anniversary of the life of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam. At our Awards Dinner, we gave awards for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 35 years of service. Being a volunteer organization, we are fortunate to have members who have been loyal for many years.

Click here for a story on one of our long standing members
<https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/john-woolcott/>

Community Day at Parkdale Store



Many people stopped by the Parkdale store to enjoy the raffle, BBQ and games. It was an opportunity to meet the staff and browse the store but more importantly, to create a stronger relationship with our customers, volunteers and fellow Vincentians. Thanks to Denise, store manager, for her leadership in making this a success.

Lottery and Fundraising



Our lottery was a huge success. 98% of the tickets were sold and \$7,700 was our net gain. This money will go directly to purchasing gift cards for people in need. There was an enthusiastic willingness of our conferences and fellow churches to sell tickets and anyone approached to purchase a ticket did so willing and generously. The project was a testament to the awareness and appreciation of the work we do.

We have received \$1,500 from Eli Lilly to St. Patrick's conference. We continue to submit for grants and looking into new ideas for raising money – maybe a golf tournament in 2023?

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 have started a conference. Also new are Incarnation of our Blessed Lord, St Thomas, Waterdown and St Luke's. We are growing!

Our Thrift Stores



Our 3 stores are a key component of our service to people in need. They provide affordable items for sale and provide conferences the resources to supply needed furniture, bedding and other essential items to their clients. For the second year in a row the Barton Street store was awarded First Place Diamond Award winner, in the category of Best Clearance Centre! Congrats! We are REALLY in need of volunteers to keep up with the demands. Members and non members welcome. Click here for store web site. <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/store/>

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 achieved the milestone of 100 children we are supporting. All conferences have participated which means we are helping children throughout Hamilton area. Each child will receive at least \$100 per year 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 Ozanam 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



After 4 years of waiting, the community of Coral Harbour will receive for the first time, a sea container 20'x8'x8.5" filled with food items and some sports equipment possible by the generosity of conferences of Hamilton and Hamilton West, other Christian churches and friends at large.

Coral Harbour is a community located on Southampton Island on the North Shore of Hudson Bay in Nunavut Territory. It has approximately 1100 residents of which 660 are youth and children. A high proportion

of youth is common in many communities of the North.

Thanks to Maria Scattolon and Anna Lemmon for their efforts in making this happen. Many volunteers help pack the container! Click here for a great video of project. <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/>

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/>.

An option for giving is to include us in your will.

God bless you!