



# Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

## St. Michael's Parish



**Our Mission** is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

### Activity Report for 2025

We thank our generous parishioners for the donations that allow us to serve those in need. Our volunteers serve those in need within our parish boundary by visiting families, assisting with food support; and in partnership with the two Saint Vincent de Paul stores, help to provide clothing, furnishings, and housewares.

### Financial Data for 2025

Total number of people helped (Angel Tree not included) 508 adults and 239 children  
Total number of visits 269 families/households

#### Receipts:

Donations from parishioners \$ 43,529.82  
(Includes monthly collections, cheques, Plenty, Angel Tree)  
Other donations \$ 4,300.00  
(Forever Legacy/Aqueduct Foundation, LPC conferences, CWL Bazaar)

#### Expenses:

Food vouchers distributed \$ 32,347.50  
Angel Tree Christmas Program \$ 6,821.00  
Furniture, beds, clothing, and housewares distributed \$ 1,960.00  
Affordable Housing Project Donation \$ 3,000.00  
Bank Charges \$ 6.14

As the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is volunteer driven, over 95% of all money donated by our Parish goes directly toward the purchase of food support (FreshCo gift cards) and household items to assist those in need within our parish boundary. Some monies are shared with other St. Vincent de Paul charitable programs at the city, provincial and national levels. Thanks are extended to the London Particular Council for covering both our insurance and pass-up fees to the National and Provincial Offices this year.

Your generous donations to the monthly collections, Plenty and Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes (found in the Narthex) help us with all our efforts.

## Angel Tree Program

With your generous donations to the Angel Tree at Christmas, \$40 Walmart gift cards were provided to 171 children from 65 families. Food vouchers amounting to \$50 were distributed to their parents to help with other Christmas expenses. The total distribution was \$6,821.00. We extend special thanks the Salvation Army for donating some 150 teddy bears, eliciting huge smiles on the children's faces on Christmas morning!

## Volunteering

The St. Michael's Conference currently has 27 full members, 3 auxiliary members and one Spiritual Advisor. Our primary work entails visiting the needy in their homes, discussing their needs, and helping, as best we can, in providing the required assistance – all done in a spirit of love and joy. Vincentians also volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul stores, Hospitality North and with the Affordable Housing Fundraising Committee.

If interested in learning more about us, you are most welcome to come to our meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month (August – June) at 7:00 pm in the St. John Paul II room. Also feel free to contact us at: [stmichaels@ssvplondon.com](mailto:stmichaels@ssvplondon.com)

## Stores

St. Vincent de Paul operates two thrift stores one at 585 York St. (under the Adelaide St. overpass) and the other at 1005 Elias St. The Stores welcome your donations of gently-used clothing, household wares, including pots and pans, cutlery, dishes, and linens, as well as furniture. Items are in high demand, especially cookware. We are a non-profit organization with affordable prices and no HST. Donations can be dropped off at the York Street store, Monday-Friday. Bonus: Furniture will be picked up, free of charge, provided it is in reasonable condition (519-438-7071).

Volunteers are always welcomed to work assist customers, sort donations, organize storage areas and place donations on the sales floor. Please keep the Stores in mind when looking for an enriching volunteer experience. The London stores are available on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/SocietyOfStVincentDePaul>

<https://www.instagram.com/ssvp.thrift/>

## Websites

Visit the websites to learn about the mission and activities of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This organization has grown to a worldwide organization. The Canadian websites of interest are:

London: <https://ssvplondon.ca>

Ontario: <https://ssvp.on.ca/en/>

Canada: <https://ssvp.ca/>

**With gratitude, remembering that those who refresh others will**

**themselves be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)**

**Theresa O'Leary, President  
St. Michael's Conference**