

Welcome to the fifth 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](#)

**A big thank you to everyone that donated their time, money, and prayers for us in 2022!!**

## Christmas Giving



Christmas is a special time for giving and we support our community with gifts and love to ease what would otherwise be a challenging time. Annunciation Conference provided 50 families with three boxes of both nonperishable food and fresh food, a food gift card, a store voucher and as well gifts for families with children.

It was their first hamper project in two years after our Covid restrictions. It was great to be back! Most of our conferences did similar special giving, so hundreds of families felt our love.

## 2022 Results



It was a very impactful year! Our revenue was up 12%, our spending on people in need was up 28%, we grew our volunteer members 10% and the number of homes visited was up 26%. We made 2400 visits providing \$380,000 in food and household items. Our admin costs are only 2% of our total income. These are fantastic results showing we are working hard to meet growing needs in the area. St. Lawrence is the latest new conference. We are up to 20 conferences now and growing.

## Our Thrift Stores



The stores have been very busy keeping up with sales and donated items. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. The Hamilton Mountain is an area of need, and we are looking for a suitable and affordable location. We have made it possible for people in need to have quality items at a huge discount. The quality of our items makes our stores a worthwhile visit by anyone. Take time to visit us to experience one of our thrift stores. <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/store/>

**Hamilton-Parkdale Store**  
**Hamilton West-Barton St Store**  
**Dunnville Store**

200 Parkdale Ave. North at Britannia  
429 Barton Street East  
116 Lock St. East, Dunnville



## Fundraising Store expansion

In addition to our usual requests to support home visits, we have a hope and desire to add a new store on the mountain. We have 3 fundraising projects underway to help us achieve our goals.

**Dinner Dance** – Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> at Michelangelo Banquet Centre. Tickets are \$70 per person. Call Brenda Hamilton at 289 775-1897 for tickets.

**2023 Lottery** - Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, \$5,000 in prizes! Call John van der Zalm at 905 920-2117.

**2023 Golf Tournament** on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Flamborough Hills golf course, \$175 to register. Sponsorship ranging from Hole sponsor \$200 or Event sponsor \$400, \$750, \$1,000 or \$1,500. Call John van der Zalm at 905 920-2117. [Click here for more info](#)

## Helping the Homeless



Garth and Lynette Brown have been advocating for affordable housing and have dedicated their efforts to purchasing and renovating homes to be made available to the homeless. A recent project named Mary's Ark is a home for homeless women. Our stores provided furniture and household goods. For more information, click here [Mary's Ark](#)

SSVP have also helped Todd and his wife move into a home after living in Gage Park for 3 months. With the help of a volunteer at the food bank a place was found but it required major cleaning and repairs. As Todd put it "It's a roof over our heads. God is good." [Click here to read more.](#)

## North of 60



Through the united efforts of all the conferences of the Hamilton and Hamilton West Particular Councils 11,000 lbs of food was sent in August 2022 to the community of Coral Harbour. It is situated on South Hampton Island on the north coast of Hudson Bay. Due to weather conditions, the container arrived later than expected but did arrive. The community was very grateful for our generosity. We will repeat the project this year!

## Other Noteworthy Gifts



We have a relic of our founder, St. Vincent de Paul. Father Ross of St. Francis Xavier parish has obtained this, and it is in safekeeping there.

We thank the Diocese of Hamilton for awarding \$5,000 to both Hamilton and Hamilton West Particular councils through the Ex Corde Fund. Hamilton West also received \$20,000 for the St. Pat's Food program from the Diocese of Hamilton. We are very grateful for this support.

**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 specially to improve the future of children. You can donate at <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/donate/>.