



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Greater Toronto Central Council

Executive Director's Report for the fiscal year 2023/24

We are grateful for your selfless contribution to the Society and its' outreach efforts. Our work does not come without its challenges. The issues our Neighbours face can be overwhelming, yet the caring concern of our Vincentians and staff, together with the support of our generous donors, all contribute to making things a little easier for those who call on the Society in their time of need.

Together, we have the ability to provide impactful and much needed assistance. Every Home Visit bringing caring concern and material assistance to Neighbours in Need is a selfless contribution of time and experience offered by Vincentians. Every Special Work we operate was established by Vincentians to serve persons in our communities who need assistance beyond food vouchers. Our staffed Special Works belong to all of Greater Toronto Central Council, and serve persons from across the GTA. We are moving forward with our new transitional housing facility in Etobicoke, providing much needed safe housing to women in need. Our newly redesigned and easily accessible web site will be launched this fall, and our Engagement Committee is working on ways to broaden and strengthen our communication.

A sincere thank you to Vincentians, employees, donors and benefactors for support and concern for our Neighbours in Need.

Louise Coutu
Executive Director



What We Do

Our community work includes:

- Conference Outreach through Home Visitation to Neighbours in Need
- Emergency and Transitional Housing and Supports for Women in Crisis
- Supportive Housing for Men in Recovery
- Supportive Housing for Adults living with Mental Health Challenges
- Supportive Housing for Adults with Developmental Challenges
- Overnight Camps for Children
- Community Stores, new beds and furniture program

Greater Toronto Central Council Outreach

Vincentian Outreach in the Greater Toronto Central Council

114 Conferences 1,389 Vincentians 32,698 Home Visits in 2023

Welcome to two new Conferences in 2023!

Emergency and Transitional Shelters

Amelie House – transitional housing

Elisa House – emergency shelter

Mary's Home – emergency shelter

St Clare's Residence – transitional housing

Providing safe accommodation and support to 126 women in crisis

Supportive Housing – Recovery

Ozanam House – pre treatment

VincenPaul Community Homes – post treatment

Recovery Housing for 68 men in a network of 15 community

homes who require support in their recovery journey

Supportive Housing – Mental Health Services

St. Francis Residence

Supportive long term housing for men and women

Supportive Housing – Developmental Services

DePaul House

Martineau House

Vincent House

Life-long housing for men and women living with Developmental challenges

Overnight Summer Camps

Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam

Camping experience accommodating 1,200 children in need

How Is Our Outreach Made Possible?

- Vincentian Outreach is funded almost entirely through individual donors at the parish level
- Housing Programs are generally government funded
- Marygrove Camp is funded by the annual Archdiocese of Toronto collection
- Camp Ozanam is funded by Catholic Charities through ShareLife
- Stores Division is self-funding

Who Makes Our Outreach Work?

- Committees – we thank all who serve:
- Particular Council Presidents Committee, Finance, Engagement, Governance and Board Resource, Spirituality, and Camps.
- Board of Directors – 9 elected members
- Conferences – 114 Particular Councils – 11
- Employees – 273 in all our programs and services
- Vincentians – 1,389 throughout the GTCC

New in 2023/2024:

- Home Visitation in place in over 90% of the Conferences.
- We have a consistent number of Vincentians, close to 1,400.
- Welcome to two new Conferences.
- We continue to implement elements of our Strategic Plan (Summary Statements Below)
- We continue working on plans for our 100+ unit shelter and supportive housing facility in Etobicoke.
- Our Engagement Committee is working to strengthen our communication and profile
- We continue to seek out Vincentians to join our committees, Board of Directors and take on Executive Positions – no change here!

What the Greater Toronto Central Council provides to you:

- Membership Support
- Insurance for Directors, Officers and Members
- Financial Support
- Home Visitation Learning Sessions
- Treasurers Workshops
- Understanding pass-ups Sessions
- Spirituality Workshops
- Orientation for New Members
- Peer led Recruitment Workshops
- Continuing update of Members materials
- Corporate Governance
- Ongoing renewal of the website
- Monthly “In the Loop” newsletters
- Bi-monthly Particular Council Presidents meetings
- [GTCC Policy updates](#)

Strategic Plan – Summary Statements

Strategic Focus: Engagement

GTCC will fully engage with Vincentians, Volunteers, Employees, Neighbours in Need, Residents, Clients, Funders and Donors, and our Parish Communities, to nurture a community where each of our stakeholders is invited into the Society's mission, contributing their unique gifts to the work of the Society so that we may grow together living the Gospel message of love, respect, justice and joy.

Strategic Focus: Awareness

GTCC will use all available tools to raise the profile of the Society, connecting our outreach to the core of our Catholic charism, utilizing God's gifts in the service of others.

Strategic Focus: Foundation

GTCC will ensure that the organizational structure of the Society has a firm governance foundation, supporting all aspects of the Society's volunteer and staffed outreach.

Strategic Focus: Stewardship

GTCC will ensure all funds, properties and equipment donated or purchased by the Society are carefully and responsibly accounted for, maximized and reported to the membership and community