

Referrals:

Ozanam House: Self referrals are accepted provided the person has intentions of attending a recognized residential substance use/abuse treatment facility and is completely abstinent from all substances for the previous seven (7) days (with the exception of accepted prescribed medications). However, it is preferable if the person is or has attended a Withdrawal Management Centre (detox) within the past two weeks and has been cleared of physical withdrawal symptoms. We work closely with most GTA Withdrawal Management Centres and receive most referrals from there. We accept out of town referrals however we cannot assist with transportation costs to our centre.

VP Homes: Self referrals are accepted provided the person has completed a recognized residential treatment centre within the past 3 - 6 months and have the ability to pay for the resident contribution and their basic needs costs (either through OW, ODSP, employment or other legitimate means). Agency referrals are acceptable provided the person is voluntarily interested in supportive housing.

In both programs we accept those diagnosed with concurrent disorders provided the goal is recovery from their addiction. Those with major psychiatric diagnosis must be emotionally and physically stable, have proven stability on medications, are being monitored by a psychiatrist and are able to live in a community environment. Acceptance into both programs will be on a case by case basis.

We are registered service providers of Supportive and Transitional Housing Programs on Connex and DART databases.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Toronto Central Council

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a worldwide organization, began in 1833, in Paris France. Its founder, Frederic Ozanam based this organization on the good works of Saint Vincent de Paul, patron saint of charity.

Since its inception the Society has endeavored to help *the poor and needy*. This is done with the effort and dedication of our volunteers, known as "Vincentians", who provide home visitations offering support and items, such as food, clothing and furniture.

With the introduction of Toronto's "Special Works" program in the early 1980's, the Society has continued to offer several programs such as women's shelters, transitional housing programs, permanent homes for the mentally and physically challenged, camps for under privileged children, low income housing for families, inmate support, and thrift stores. Our goal is to help those in need with compassion, respect and dignity.

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Addiction Recovery Supportive Housing Programs

Ozanam House

&

VincenPaul Community Homes

(VP Homes)

OZANAM HOUSE: Ozanam House is a substance use/abuse pre-treatment supportive transitional housing program offered to men who have completed the withdrawal management stage (detox) of their recovery and are awaiting admission into a residential substance use/abuse treatment centre.

LENGTH OF STAY: Clients are allowed to stay for a period of up to three months while awaiting intensive treatment. We have 11 beds and accommodations are shared. We are abstinence based and prescribed medications are considered on an individual basis. (We do not accept those on methadone).

WE PROVIDE:

- TREATMENT/POST TREATMENT PLANNING/AFTERCARE SUPPORT
- BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT
- EDUCATION, LIFE/LIVING SKILLS
- 1:1 COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT
- INTRODUCTION TO THE 12-STEPS
- REFERRALS / ADVOCACY

OUR PROGRAM: We offer men a safe, supportive environment while they are awaiting further treatment, while offering an introduction into basic life/living skills and supports that will assist them in their ongoing recovery. Our services are free of charge to clients and we are funded by MOLTC-Toronto Central LHIN.

NEXT STEPS...

Once clients move onto and complete intensive treatment they are offered to return to Ozanam House for support if they are planning to move into our post treatment supportive housing program, VincenPaul Community Homes (VP Homes). Because our space is limited, we can only offer this option to those who have successfully completed our program and return directly following treatment, pending bed availability.

Information,

Intake & Admissions:

Ozanam House - 416-762-4195

VP Homes - 416-364-5577 ext. 221

S.H.O.P. HOMES

(Single Housing Opportunity Program)

The SHOP Homes program is designed for graduates of VP Homes, those who have completed a successful stay at VP Homes and require further support. Residents must be a year or more completely abstinent and successfully engaged in either full time school, employment or upgrading. Costs are Rent Geared to Income subject to TCHC guidelines. Residents are allowed to stay up to a period of three years.

VINCENPAUL COMMUNITY HOMES

(VP Homes): VincenPaul Community Homes, (widely known for its acronym, VP Homes) is a post treatment supportive housing program for those who have completed an intensive substance use/abuse treatment program and require a supportive, recovery oriented environment in which to continue their recovery. We are abstinence based, and prescribed medications are considered on an individual basis. We have 9 homes for men (47 beds), including one home for those on a methadone maintenance program or suboxone. Most are shared accommodations.

LENGTH OF STAY: Clients may stay for a period of up to one year, dependent on program engagement.

COST: VP Homes has no external funding and rents are paid through a resident contribution. Fees vary slightly depending on source of income.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: We provide an environment conducive to ongoing recovery while also encouraging the development of healthy skills and habits that will assist residents with reintegration into society. Providing affordable and safe housing allows our residents the opportunity to become familiar and comfortable with a life of recovery, helping them gain the confidence, skills and direction needed for successful independence.