

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Toronto Central Council

What We Do

◆ At the Parish Level

Home visitations are conducted by over 1,200 volunteer members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, assisting 16,000 families and individuals each year with emergency food, clothing and beds. Parish-based conferences of volunteer members - or "Vincentians" - also conduct annual Christmas programs and assist in financing the Special Works of the Society.

◆ Marygrove Camp

A fully subsidized residential camping program for 1,200 girls, aged 5-13, located on Georgian Bay near Penetang.

◆ Stores & Distribution Centre

Items are provided free of charge to those in need through a voucher system in our stores and through a partnership with Goodwill. Goods are also available to walk-in customers at low cost.

Donations are collected through the parish "Bundle Weekend" program.

◆ Prison Apostolate & Court Services

Provides support and clothing for persons in prison or awaiting trial, and assists them in maintaining contact with their families.

◆ Twinning

A partnership offering aid to needy Conferences and Councils in Canada and overseas.

◆ Gower Park Place

Operated by the VincentPaul Family Homes Corporation, Gower Park Place is a non-profit 164 unit affordable apartment building in East York, working with families to move them off social assistance.

◆ Residential Housing Programs

• Women's Emergency and Transitional Housing Programs

Providing housing and support to women in crisis through a network of emergency beds and longer-term housing at Mary's Home, Amelie House, St. Clare's Residence and Elisa House. 128 women receive secure housing and support each night with on going assistance provided to women fleeing domestic abuse.

• St. Francis Residence

A home for 24 men and women who have experienced mental illness and are dependant on others for support. Our aim is to help increase the quality of their lives and hasten a return to self-sufficiency.

• Ozanam House

Provides transitional accommodation and support for men recently discharged from a detoxification unit and waiting entry into an addiction treatment program. This home provides a caring and supportive residence for 12 men.

• VincenPaul Community Homes

Providing men and women recovering from addiction with the support and encouragement needed to build a new life. There are 13 homes, including one for persons undergoing Methadone treatment. These homes provide supportive housing for 83 men and women.

• DePaul, Martineau & Vincent Houses

Offers residential care and support to 18 men and women who are developmentally disabled. The residents live in a loving community, learn basic life skills, and share in decision making processes.