



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

St. James Parish

231 Morden Road, Oakville ON L6K 2S2

2019 Annual Report

I am pleased to report that SSVP revenues, through your very generous donations, reached \$19,970 in 2019, an increase of 45% over the previous year. Throughout this past year, we have operated with seven strong and active volunteers engaged in the ministry of supporting families in our community.

Our members at end of 2019:

Emmanuelle Ritson (President)

Marilyn Crowley (Treasurer)

Raquel Flug

Fred Jacques

Ann Schneider

Jacinta Pieterse

Denise Brennan-Rieder

Deacon Patrick Crowley (Spiritual Advisor)

As parishioners of St. James Parish, you have generously supported us and those we serve. We are most grateful for your prayers and financial assistance.

Below is a summary of the work we did that involved our direct assistance during 2019:

- 142 home visits for assistance were performed by our members
- 40 families were served (60 adults and 23 children)
- 2 families were supported to keep them from being evicted from their homes
- 16 children were provided with monies to purchase school supplies to start the school year in September
- 18 families were provided with gift certificates for Christmas shopping and food
- We educated families on where in Oakville to receive free food (food banks, Food for Life)
- We assisted individuals with securing employment by supporting them and directing them to agencies
- We delivered prepared meals that were donated to us to our families in need
- We provided support in completing government forms to apply for assistance and/or reimbursement
- We directed people to agencies that would assist them with whatever need they had

Our Financial Statement is presented on the back of this report.

Oakville has a reputation that it is a wealthy community, yet we continue to see homeless people, single parents with young children struggling to make ends meet, elderly people on fixed incomes who have difficulty putting food on the table, and immigrants faced with learning a new language before qualifying for a job. The job of our volunteers is to do what we can to alleviate the stress from our families by sharing our resources and assisting them in meeting their needs.

We thank you for believing in our ministry at SSVP. Please know we are always looking for new members to join our SSVP conference. Reach out to us, and we will welcome you!

Blessings!

Emmanuelle Ritson, President

**Saint Vincent De Paul
St. James Conference
Summary of Revenue and Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31**

	2019	2018
Revenue		
St. James benevolent fund - cash	\$13,390	\$8,350
St. James benevolent fund - gift cards	525	625
Concert fundraising		2,145
Oakville Italian Club	2,000	
St. Thomas Aquinas School Donation	1,861	1,000
Knights of Columbus Donation	1,000	1,000
Halton Catholic District School Board	1,000	570
Donations-in-Kind	194	118
Total Revenue	<u>\$19,970</u>	<u>\$13,808</u>
 Expenses		
Gift cards/Food Vouchers Issued	\$9,200	\$3,400
Rent Supplement/License Renewal	209	3,050
Household Goods and Repairs	2,804	
Christmas Program	2,400	2,300
Presto/Phone Card/Shopping Cart	1,263	163
Backpack Program	1,200	550
Fresh Food and Medication	933	652
Clothes	596	644
Office Supplies	70	373
Cable and Utilities	280	
Used Laptop for Employment Opportunity		181
Bank Charges and Other Miscellaneous	174	45
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,129</u>	<u>\$11,358</u>
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	<u><u>\$841</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,450</u></u>