



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

St. James Parish

231 Morden Road, Oakville ON L6K 2S2

2021 Annual Report

I am pleased to report that SSVP revenues, through your very generous donations, reached \$39,941 in 2021, an increase of 40% over 2020's \$28,591. Throughout 2021, we have operated with eleven strong, active volunteers engaged in the ministry of supporting families in our community. We couldn't have done it without Ana Snjaric, St James' Office Administrator, who is a crucial link between families and SSVP. Thank you Ana.

Our members during 2021:

Emmanuelle Ritson (President) Marilyn Crowley (Treasurer) Raquel Flug Ash Alles
Ann Schneider Jacinta Pieterse Adrian Ratelle Brian Cavanaugh
Dcn. Patrick Crowley (Spiritual Advisor) Lina Sakkab Christina Rodriguez (Secretary)

As parishioners of St. James, 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 visits and corresponding assistance during 2021:

- 230 home visits for assistance were performed by our members;
- 60 wellness or follow-up phone calls were made to ensure families were doing all right;
- 36 families were served (63 adults and 31 children);
- 31 children were provided gift cards for school supplies to start the school year in September;
- 11 families were provided with gift certificates for Christmas shopping and food;
- We educated families on all places/agencies in Oakville which provide free food;
- Through the Ozanam Education fund, we supported two students' dreams to go to college;
- We continued to provide free computers to youth and adults;
- We assisted individuals with securing employment and directing them to agencies/employers;
- We provided support in completing forms to apply for assistance and/or reimbursement;
- We directed people to agencies that would assist them with whatever need they had; and
- We provided initial funds to start a RESP for two children.

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

Oakville has a reputation of being a wealthy community, yet we continue to see homeless people, single mothers with young children struggling to make ends meet, elderly people and those on fixed incomes having difficulty putting food on the table, and immigrants faced with learning a new language before qualifying for a job. All of this has been exacerbated by the pandemic and the rise of food prices. Our job is to do what we can to alleviate the stress of those 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 looking for new members to join our SSVP conference. If you can spend 2-4 hours per month helping the less fortunate in our community, then reach out to us (ssvpstjamesoakville@gmail.com). We will always welcome you!

Blessings!

Emmanuelle Ritson, President

**Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
St. James Conference - Oakville
For the Year Ended December 31**

Revenue	2021	2020
St. James Benevolent Fund - Cash	\$13,243	\$17,632
SSVP Halton Particular Council	9,155	5,391
Halton Catholic District School Board	8,500	300
SSVP Ontario (Ozanam Fund)	6,000	3,000
St. Thomas Aquinas High School	1,733	500
Knights of Columbus		1,500
Direct Individual Donations	1,310	268
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Total Revenue	<u>\$39,941</u>	<u>\$28,591</u>
Expenses		
Gift Cards/Food Distributed	\$23,189	\$12,454
Education Bursary and RESP	4,450	3,000
Christmas Program	2,800	1,900
Computers	2,575	
Rent Payment Supplement		2,385
Transit and Car Insurance Assistance	2,036	
Pharmacy and Dental Assistance		1,500
Backpack Program	1,550	1,000
Utilities and Clothes		606
Bank Charges, Insurance and Office Supplies	637	135
Member Fees	530	
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Total Expenses	<u>\$37,767</u>	<u>\$22,980</u>
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	<u><u>\$2,174</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,611</u></u>

Note: Certain amounts in 2020 have been restated to conform to the presentation of 2021