










## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's Conference 2023 Summary

	<p><b>Monthly Home Visits, Electronic Gift Cards &amp; Wellness Calls</b></p> <p>Our members visit neighbours in need and make wellness calls to talk and to assess their needs. Many of our neighbours are single mothers struggling to raise their kids on their own. We provide them with gift cards for groceries each month. Total Gift Cards distributed in 2023 was \$34,210.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"># of Home Visits =</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">157</td> <td style="width: 20%;"># of Homes Helped =</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">69</td> </tr> <tr> <td># of e-Gift Cards Sent =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">312</td> <td># of Adults Helped =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">132</td> </tr> <tr> <td># of Wellness Calls =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">69</td> <td># of Children Helped =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">62</td> </tr> </table>	# of Home Visits =	157	# of Homes Helped =	69	# of e-Gift Cards Sent =	312	# of Adults Helped =	132	# of Wellness Calls =	69	# of Children Helped =	62
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	<p><b>Furniture Deliveries and Pickups</b></p> <p>We pick up furniture (that's in good condition) and household items donated by people from Mississauga to Hamilton and deliver to those in need, including newcomers and refugees, who often arrive with very little. Several neighbours also came by to pick up furniture directly from our storage shed. This past year our furniture team made 109 Picks Ups and 133 Deliveries. This took 3 men approximately 4 hours most Saturdays, which added up to more than 600 volunteer hours for the year. The cost for gas was \$2,557.</p>												
	<p><b>Back-To-School Program</b></p> <p>Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide 30 children of families in need with a \$50 Walmart card. We will be running this program again over the summer and hope you will continue to support the children.</p>												
	<p><b>Christmas Angel Program</b></p> <p>Through the generous support of both our parishioners and our schools we were able to provide Walmart gift cards to 48 families enabling them to purchase Christmas dinner and a few presents for under the tree. The total value of cards distributed was \$10,710. In addition, two lucky families were sponsored directly by a family and their friends.</p>												
	<p><b>Ozanam Education Fund funded by the Ontario Regional Council, and RESP's</b></p> <p>Many are trapped in a cycle of poverty because they do not have the required education to break out of this cycle. This program provides funding for education that will enable them to earn a respectable living. We helped one student obtain \$3,000 in funding, for post-secondary education and we helped 3 more kids to open a Registered Education Savings Plan by contributing \$100 each.</p>												
	<p><b>Twinning</b></p> <p>2023 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; last year of twinning with the St. Vincent de Paul conference of San Isidro Labrador, Dominican Republic. We provided them with \$2,000 in funds which was used to help the poor in their parish, where poverty is extreme.</p>												
	<p><b>Financial Summary</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Revenue (Donations + funds from Halton Particular Council+Ozanam<sup>1</sup>) =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$66,693</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses (Gift Cards, Christmas, Furniture expenses) =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$56,748</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net for Year (used to start next year) =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9,945</td> </tr> </table> <p>1. Halton Particular Council passed down a total of \$19,826 for monthly assistance, Back to School and Christmas Programs.</p> <p>The Ozanam Fund provided \$3,000 for education.</p>	Revenue (Donations + funds from Halton Particular Council+Ozanam <sup>1</sup> ) =	\$66,693	Expenses (Gift Cards, Christmas, Furniture expenses) =	\$56,748	Net for Year (used to start next year) =	\$9,945						
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