



Society St. Vincent de Paul / All Saints Conference

Happy New Year! May 2021 be filled with health, joy and many blessings to all of you!

Covid-19 happened and changed our world. But even though 2020 was a tumultuous and challenging year, your kindness and support to the St. Vincent de Paul community never ceases to amaze us.

Due to your tremendous generosity, we were able to reach out to those less fortunate in our community providing them with lunches, food cards, clothing, emergency assistance for lodging, utility bills, and so much more.

Without the good will of our Strathroy Church Community, none of this would have been possible. Your overwhelming response made it all happen! THANK YOU!

Our activities during 2020 included:

Community Outreach: \$11,000 was expended on grocery cards, meal cards, diaper bank for adults and children, as well as other necessities such as beds, mattresses, utility bills, rent, motel for homeless, etc.

Helping Hands: we served 2,318 meals including breakfast packs for \$8,000.

Food Drive: we held 4 Food Drives and collected 2,270 pounds of food.

Coat Drive: this event was so successful that we collected enough coats, hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens to outfit our community while assisting the St. Joseph's Mission with the remainder of the items.

Virtual Angel Tree: Overwhelming success! We received over 250 gifts. After distributing gifts to the children in our community, we then donated gifts to the Ronald MacDonald House in London, as well as, to the Centre for New Canadians.

Christmas Lunch: 88 lunches were prepared and distributed at the All Saints Parking Lot. Along with these lunches the following were included:

- \$20 Forever Legacy food cards (a charitable donation from London, St. Thomas, and Port Stanley);
- St. Vincent de Paul School 'Blessings Socks' (which included many items);
- Candy Bags.

Food Hampers: we supported 9 families with a Food Hamper. We also assisted The Children Aid in Strathroy.

Christmas Meals: due to the kindness of Tia's Place and an anonymous donor, 20 additional families were provided with a Christmas meal.

TO OUR DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU -- this could not have happened without you!! A total of 1,717 volunteer hours were donated. Thank you to the CWL Ladies for the donation of 26 volunteer hours in assisting us in the preparation of breakfast bags for the children last summer!!!

For those wishing to donate online, we now have E-transfer using the email address ssvpallsaints@gmail.com.