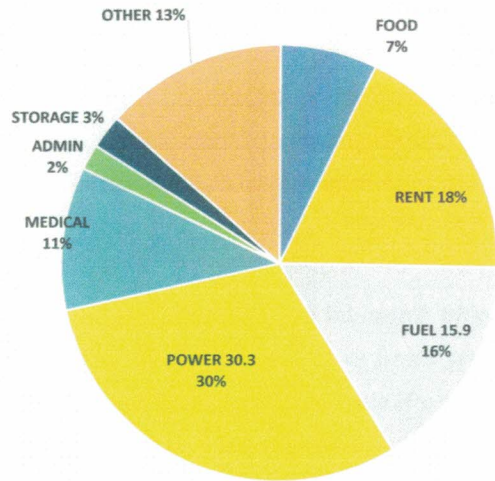


Annual Disbursements 2021



Furniture and household items are also collected then disbursed to those in need.

We would like to sincerely thank some of our major donors in 2021

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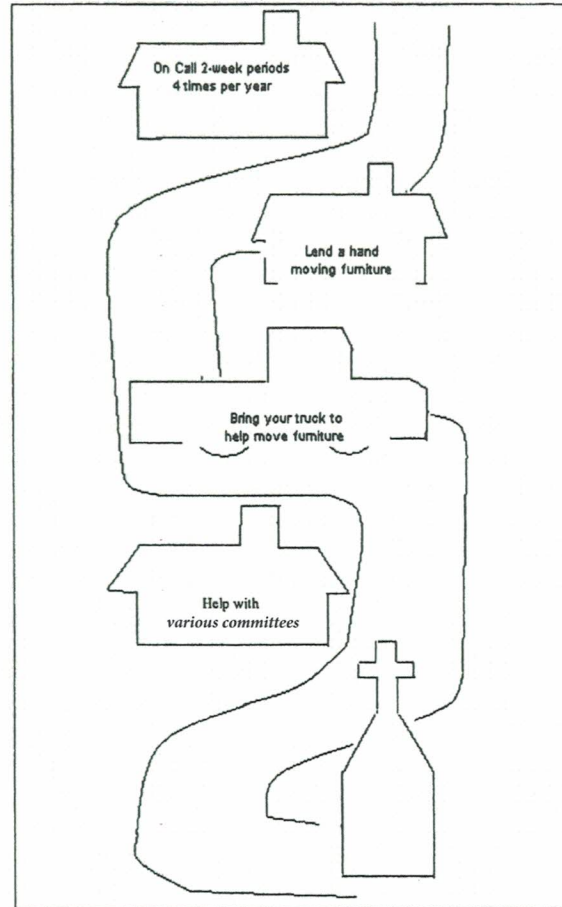
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- Blimke Family Foundation
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Grants

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- Town of Lunenburg

Volunteers Needed

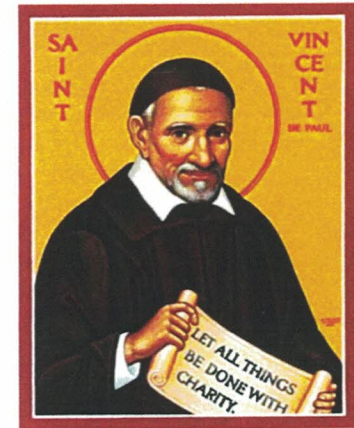
to help our neighbours in need
in Lunenburg County



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Joseph's Conference
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

902-527-6431



HISTORY AND PURPOSE

It was a Tuesday night in Paris, France, the 23rd of April, 1833 when Frederic Ozanam and his friends gathered at the offices of the newspaper which employed them. They had come to celebrate Frederic's 20th birthday, but the intended excitement of the event was overshadowed by the weight on their minds of the taunts they had received from fellow students, "What are you doing for the poor?"

They responded to the disenchantment of their fellow students by forming an organization that would challenge them, not only as Catholics but as persons, to explore the dynamic of what it meant to love, to reach out to those in need, where they are, in their homes, bringing bread and clothing, friendship, care; to be not only a hand but a presence of love and kindness.

Our work is the Gospel message in action:

I was hungry

I was thirsty

I was a stranger

I was naked

I was sick

I was in prison

And you cared.



The aim of Saint Vincent de Paul is to bring social justice and friendship of true charity to those in need.

*St. Joseph's Church – Bridgewater
St. Norbert's Church – Lunenburg
St. Matthew's Church – Elmwood*

The Spirit of the Society reached the Halifax area in 1853, from Rev. Dr. Michael Hannan, an Irish Priest who encouraged those parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral, who expressed a Vincentian Spirit. After 169 years the response of the Vincentians in this region is very strong.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization. In Canada, the National Council of Canada governs our Rules and Statutes. Regional Particular Councils lead local conferences. The St. Joseph's Bridgewater Conference is aligned with the Halifax Particular Council.

The Society was first introduced in the St. Joseph's Parish in Bridgewater in 1988. Our aim is to help those less fortunate in any way we can whether it be financial, material, spiritual or just listening.

Requests are made using a dedicated phone line (902-527-6431).

Requests for assistance are plentiful while our resources are limited. To ensure all requests are sincere the economic situation of the household is confirmed. Limits are placed on the assistance that is available to families to ensure support is spread to as many as possible.

We offer financial assistance to lend a helping hand in emergency situations for needs such as rent, power, and fuel. We also assist with good used furniture and household items.

We have nineteen active members from our Parish. We meet the first Tuesday of the month in St. Joseph's Parish Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to join us please contact our on-call member at 902-527-6431.