

Community Impact Report • 2023

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National President's Message



Thank you to the 14,300 amazing Vincentians across Canada who gave over 1.3 million hours of their time to provide help to our friends in need! These are significant increases from a year ago.

With rising costs and more newcomers coming to Canada, the need continues to increase, and Vincentians were able to help and serve 232,700 neighbours in need, including 90,320 children. This too is a large increase from 2022.

The help provided varies depending on the needs of each community. Vincentians visited 162,305 households (12% more than in 2022) of which 11,810 were homeless. We are now tracking visits to unhoused individuals as higher rents and the housing crisis affect more people than ever.

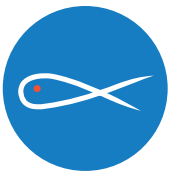
Across the country, SSVP Canada operates many food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and drop-in centres. The numbers of these special works also markedly increased from 2022, emphasizing how crucial our community efforts continue to be.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam stated, "Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves." Thank you for living this every day when you help our friends in need. Keep up the great work!

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Executive Director's Message

In 2023 the SSVP's activity ramped up in every category, reflecting the urgent requirements of our neighbours, more in need of support than ever. While the combined monetary value of the Society's donations topped \$20 million, their true worth is in knowing that we provided hope for a better day, and a connection to those who need it most.



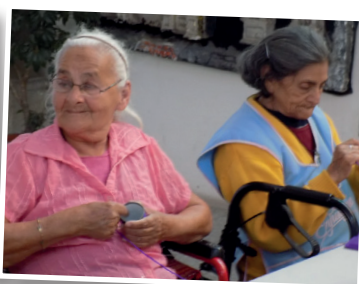
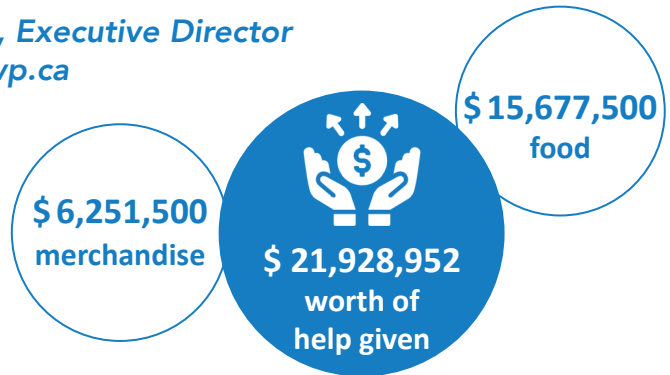
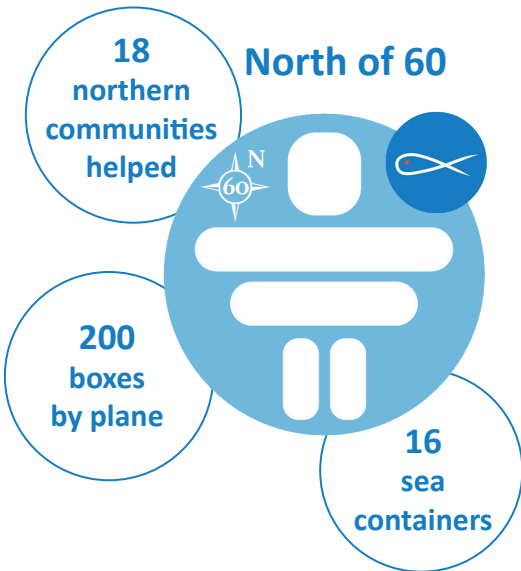
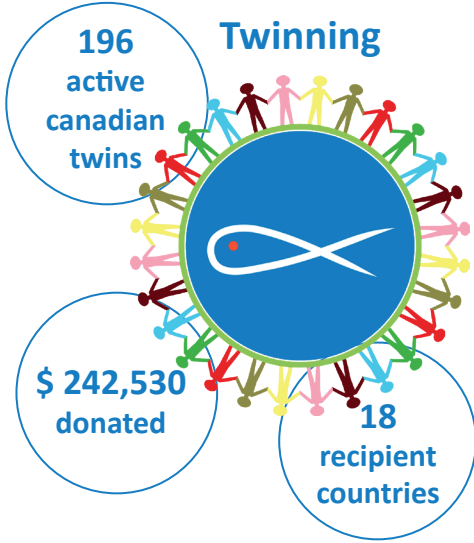
Similar impact was felt at local projects in the 18 countries financially supported by Canadian conferences' generosity. Our North of 60 Programme also makes tangible improvements to the lives of neighbours in 18 remote communities, where are out of reach prices combined with high unemployment result in untenable living conditions.

Our work will never be done, that's why we continue to strive for optimal operational effectiveness and increase the Society's visibility to sensibelize the country on the importance of our work. To that end we're supporting formation and advocacy efforts through webinars, and actively modernizing the social media content and communication processes. We're also optimizing the website for searchability and access to make it simpler and easier to boost the great work being done. Whether seeking help, volunteer opportunities, or looking to donate, everyone will be responded appropriately in a timely manner, to ensure engagement and long-term viability.

Our key task is to remove barrier to amplify your impact supporting our neighbours in need. Please let us know how we can help.

Thank you for all your efforts.

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