



## STREET OUTREACH NEWS

### SSVP Windsor Essex Central Council



Santa sent 2 elves from Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Knights of Columbus team to facilitate a huge delivery of **brand-new winter coats**. We are thrilled to report that these coats were gifted to the teens and young adults experiencing housing insecurity support thru the Windsor Youth Centre. What a wonderful surprise to be able to gift brand new winter coats to teens that normally have nothing wrapped under the tree. The Windsor Youth Centre reported that all coats found a good home just in time for Christmas.

Our friends from GreenShield once again gifted us with some homemade **Christmas cookies** (over 3,800) all nicely packaged with heartfelt notes for our friends on the streets. All cookies were distributed over Christmas and New Years and were warmly received. Our friends were all very thrilled with this gift.

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 for your financial donation to our program in November. These funds were used towards the purchase of **winter gloves and tarps** to help protect our friends sleeping rough as well as to purchase **deodorant**.

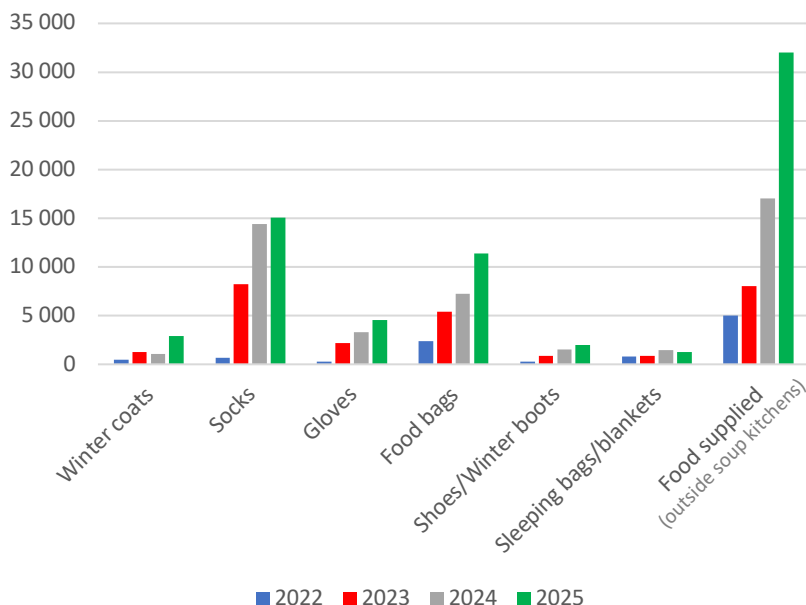
Thank you to the Southern Cruisers Riding Club Rose City Chapter for your very generous donations of **warm items** (stuffed the van to the point of no sightlines from the back & side windows of our van) plus the financial donation that will help us purchase much needed items.



#### **Stories from the Street** (names have been changed to protect privacy) - "Dave"

Dave is one of the long-term residents at a local encampment. Dave was so concerned after the initial snow falls and subsequent ice that developed on the trails that our team would not be able to access the people living there that he devised a method to clear the path, so our team had a clean pathway in and out of the encampment. What a kind and loving thing to do to be worried about our teams and to work so hard to clear a safe path.

#### Stats & Facts Updates



**Vision:** Act with dignity, compassion and humility to provide to the homeless, with their consultation, security of self, security of property, securing of physical and mental well-being and the dignity of private living space.

**Mission:** Encounter with dignity and respect, those homeless individuals in need and provide to them those resources which we have on hand and available at that moment and in that moment.