



St. Vincent's on Huron growing Hope—Floor by Floor

What a remarkable year 2025 has been—for the SSVP London, for what will be **St. Vincent's on Huron**, and especially for the about 120 individuals who will call it home in 2027.

Thanks to our community's generosity, encouragement, and belief in this vision, this project has moved from concept... to groundbreaking... to a six-story structure rising proudly on Huron Street in London, Ontario.

2025, A Year of Extraordinary Progress!

Our community has nearly raised all our \$1.7 million goal, an extraordinary achievement reflecting the compassion of our community and more than 335 donors—individuals, families, foundations, parishes, service clubs, and businesses—all committed to addressing London's urgent affordable housing crisis.

Every dollar contributed unlocked additional support, they have strengthened our partnerships with government funders, enabling us to secure:

- ⇒ \$5 million in forgivable funding from CMHC
- ⇒ \$17.9 million in CMHC mortgage financing
- ⇒ \$2.25 million in forgivable support from the City of London

Construction Milestones

In the spring of 2025, more than 100 supporters joined us for the groundbreaking ceremony—an unforgettable moment that marked the beginning of a new chapter in London's affordable housing story.



Since then, the momentum has continued:

- The foundation and structure of the building were completed in the fall.
- Construction has now reached the sixth and final floor.
- The building is fully enclosed, allowing interior work to continue without delay.
- The project remains on schedule for completion in late 2026, with tenants moving in in 2027.



Each concrete pour, each wall raised, each window framed—every step forward helps build a future of stability and dignity for our neighbours.



Strengthening Our Community Together

With the community's support, 2025 was a year of expanding outreach and engagement:

- Our donor base nearly tripled, now including more than 335 supporters.
- The Buy-A-Brick campaign continues to invite the community to take part.
- Our [website](#) is keeping supporters informed with the latest updates, photos, and stories.
- Our [social media](#) for the SSVP London Affordable Housing grew exponentially.
- We welcomed new people, foundations, faith groups, and corporate partners into this growing circle of hope.

What has been built this year goes beyond concrete and steel—it is a stronger, more connected community committed to lifting others up.

When St. Vincent's on Huron will open its doors, as many as 120 individuals, prioritizing single senior women, newcomers, and working poor families, will experience the stability and security that affordable housing provides.

Unsolicited, over 200 people have already asked to be added to the waiting list for an apartment.



In anticipation of move-in day, SSVP London is turning its attention to the various ways we can support residents with a plan to foster community, support wellness and poverty reduction. A committee of volunteers will begin considering suggestions in the new year.

The committee is already looking for potential sites for a future project, to continue to address the housing crisis in London and area.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are building a place where people can put down roots, feel safe, and thrive. Your generosity is not just erecting a building. It is raising hope, growing community and building futures.

From the Affordable Housing Fundraising Committee:

Larry McKenzie (Chair), Shelley Baker and Mary Michniewicz (Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs), Linda Dollard (SSVP National Council of Canada President), Penny Hemingway, Michael Loebach and Sara Steers.

The Affordable Housing Building Committee:

Sharon Wright-Evans (President of SSVP London Particular Council), Murray Hamilton, Jim Paddon, Steve Pfaff, Trevor Holness (SSVP Treasurer) and Mike Agostinel

