



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

Did You Know?

That in **2025 alone**, the Okanagan Valley Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) accomplished these good deeds and many more:

- ♥ Provided 30,000 volunteer hours to Okanagan Valley communities.
- ♥ Distributed approximately \$300,000 in food aid to the Valley's poorest residents.
- ♥ Personally delivered 2,500 food hampers.
- ♥ Conducted home visits to approximately 4,100 adults and 2,600 children.
- ♥ Made 600 contacts with individuals in need, outside of home visits.

More 'Historical' Accomplishments Include:

- ♥ In 2024, we donated about \$20,000 to help the poor with utility bills, bus tickets, and other basic living expenses.
- ♥ Also in 2024, through the **Invincible Housing Initiative**, \$60,000 in rental assistance was provided to prevent eviction or support housing for 69 families, including 130 children and 99 adults.
- ♥ In 2023, the SSVP donated \$10,000 to the Fire Relief fund and collaborated with other organizations to provide food and goods in response to requests.
- ♥ Approximately 25 years ago, the SSVP provided support to **Inn From The Cold**, Kelowna's inaugural overnight drop-in shelter.
- ♥ In 2007, the Okanagan Valley SSVP provided financial support to help launch **Ozanam House** in Kelowna, which has grown to a very successful 18-bed recovery house for men.
- ♥ Over the years, the SSVP has organized many Sick and Shut-in Masses, hosted receptions for shut-ins, and visited nursing homes.

This modest story of volunteerism needs to be shared and promoted in the name of our Founder Frederic Ozanam, circa 1883.

Presently we are in need of new volunteers, so if you are interested in becoming a Vincentian please call [Luci Wilcox at 250-765-4556](tel:250-765-4556) or email: luciwilcox@telus.net.