



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul St Michael Conference 2016 Summary of Activities

### Basic Principles of the Society

- The Society is a lay Catholic organization that is open to all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving Christ in the poor, the lonely, and the disadvantaged.
- It serves all those in need, regardless of creed, ethnicity, origin, or point of view.
- All funds donated to the Society belong to the poor wherever they are found, in Calgary and beyond.

### Membership

Number of active members:	43
Number of auxiliary members:	5
Number of volunteer hours:	~ 2950
Monthly meetings:	4th Tuesday monthly, except December, July & August

### Home Visits

Number of Homes visited:	527 (excluding Christmas Hamper deliveries)
Number of Adults served:	723 (including Christmas Hampers)
Number of Children served:	609 (including Christmas Hampers)

### Testimonial

The following illustrates the type of situation in which the Society is able to intervene as a direct consequence of the generous support of our benefactors – the parishioners of St Michael Catholic Community. Thank you to all our benefactors who so generously donated to the Society in this past year.

*"A few weeks ago I contacted an organization that suggested that I contact your Society to help me and my family with rent money. I have never needed or wanted help but for the first time found myself not knowing where to turn. Two ladies from your Society came to my home. They were very caring and listened to what has been happening in my life. They were a great comfort to me offering positive, constructive suggestions. I was in shock when they wrote a cheque for the amount of the rent owing. I want to say how much your kindness and generosity has meant to me and my family. It was just what we needed. I want to say how much the very thought of anyone caring for me and my family gave me the strength NOT to give up. Your kindness will remain with me forever."*

As the needs in our community show no signs of diminishing, we thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity in the coming year. Your acts of compassion provide much hope to our friends in need.

### Finances

Total Donations:	\$ 88,574.82
Total Expenses:	\$101,576.71
(Deficit) / Surplus:	(\$13,001.89) **

\*\* The deficit was offset by a positive bank balance at the beginning of 2016.

**Disbursements / Expense Breakdown (Expenses = \$101,576.71)**

Bank Service Charges	254.11
Bus Tickets	6,181.99
Christmas Hampers & Gift Certificates.	20,485.72
Client Clothing	496.66
Client Medical	252.97
Client Other	1,184.67
Client Refugee Settling expense	1,132.39
Client Rent	20,119.33
Client Transportation	526.38
Client Utility	7,561.51
Food Purchases for Larder	29,172.65
Gift card expenses	2,895.00
Insurance	410.08
Member Training	1,671.72
Miscellaneous Expenses	612.85
Paid to West Particular	5,000.00
SSVP Supplies	1598.68
Twinning (support for Twin Conference in Guatemala)	<u>2,020.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>101,576.71</b>

**Scope and Selected Costs of Christmas Hamper Program**

<i># Hampers</i>	172 **	<i># Individuals Helped</i>	591
<i># Children's gifts</i>	239	<i>Estimated value of donated gifts</i>	\$ 8,365
<i>Cost of purchased gift cards</i>	\$ 8,425	<i>Value of donated gift cards</i>	\$ 225
<i>Cost of purchased food</i>	\$11,151	<i>Estimated value of donated food</i>	\$18,688

\*\* 142 Hampers for St Michael's community; 30 for St Bernard's Conference

Average per person value of hampers = \$79.00

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*I am now completely convinced that when one does a deed of charity one need not worry about where the money will come from: it will always come.*

— *Frédéric Ozanam*

Please contact *the Society of St Vincent de Paul* at (403) 240-0423, ext 122 if you have questions or would like to join our Ministry.