

Volunteer Role Summary for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The primary role for the volunteers within our Conference is to provide emergency grocery assistance to those in our area who call the church for help. Our members always visit those requesting help in pairs; our contact is a personal one.

As well as with food, our society assists with basic furniture and clothing items, if required. This is made possible through collaboration with the SSVP stores at York and Adelaide and on Elias Street.

Our funds come from the generous donations of parish members. Our volunteers assist in collecting monetary donations on the second Sunday of each month.

Further volunteer opportunities are available at the stores. Recently we have begun sorting the clothing donations so that they can be ready for either distribution to those in need or for sale within the store. Members are also free to join in any additional charitable works undertaken by the SSVP London Particular Council.

At Christmas time, we host an Angel Tree Campaign. Again, through the generous donations of parish members, we can deliver gifts and vouchers to the needy in our parish. We partner with St. Michael's school to assist children who may need additional resources. We have cooperated with the Knights of Columbus and other parishes to bring winter clothes and jackets to those in need.

We meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. We join in prayer and fellowship to discuss the details of the functioning of our Conference and to share our experiences.