

Saint Teresa Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Report – 2020

With gratitude and thanksgiving for the generosity of the Saint Teresa Parish community, we reflect on the year 2020 for our Conference. The year started like many others, with people needing assistance in the form of food hampers and furniture items. We had also committed to assist the Particular Council of Kitchener-Waterloo with their Baker Lake Project, which is to send a sea container of food to the community of Baker Lake in Nunavut. Our contribution was to provide tea and we began to collect money and tea in February with an April deadline. However by the end of February with news of the pandemic we knew things were changing but we did not know to what extent.

On March 19th we received notice from the Particular Council of Kitchener – Waterloo that we were ordered by the Waterloo Region Public Health Unit to stop delivering hampers. There was no time frame given as to how long we might be closed, so we made a decision to donate all our remaining food to the food bank. This included all our non-perishable food stocks as well as frozen and perishable foods.

The Baker Lake Project did not get cancelled but it was reduced in scope because of the restrictions that all Conferences had to deal with regarding the collecting and purchasing of food. We gave the tea and \$240 that we had collected to Particular Council. Bernie was able to assist in the preparation and packing of the sea container and it was sent to Baker Lake at the end of August.

In September there was talk that they might allow Saint Vincent de Paul to start delivering food again but with the number of COVID cases increasing it was recommended that we not start up yet. In October the Saint Teresa School community asked if they could help Saint Vincent de Paul but we suggested that assisting the Food Bank would be a better option. So the small school with the big heart did an amazing job of collecting enough food to provide almost 1800 meals to the Food Bank. It took 3 trips to the Food Bank to deliver all the food!

In November our conference was asked to support the Christmas Bureau with their Christmas assistance program. We were asked to contribute money to support the purchase of store gift cards, as hampers were not going to be an option. A decision was made to donate \$2000 of our funds to the project along with a request to the parish for additional funds. Another \$200 was collected as a result. Bernie was also asked to assist the Food Bank and the Christmas Bureau by entering data for this project. Over 3000 families in the Waterloo Region received help at Christmas.

Even though we were curtailed in our regular work there were opportunities for us to help on your behalf. As we prepare for the new year we continue to count on the Saint Teresa Parish for support as we will have to restock our food stores when we reopen.

Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and contributions.

Rosemary & Bernie Pickett Co-presidents St. Teresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint Teresa of Avila Conference
Annual Financial Report
Year ending December 31st, 2020

	Year Ending 2020
<u>DEPOSITS</u>	
Donations (receipted for tax purposes)	\$ 7,439.90
Donations for North of 60 Project and Christmas Bureau	\$ 807.10 ⁽¹⁾
Collection box donations (unreceipted)	\$ 60.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 8,307.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)</u>	
Bank Charges	\$28.40
Food and Hamper Supplies	\$ 4,107.85
Furniture and Household Items	\$ 430.57
National Council Fees and Ontario Council Fees	\$ 0.00 ⁽²⁾
Kitchener Particular Council	\$ 0.00 ⁽³⁾
Food Bank Membership Fees	\$ 157.50
Management and Administration	\$ 22.59
Special Works	\$ 2,200.00 ⁽⁴⁾
North of 60 Project	\$ 407.10 ⁽⁵⁾
Cell Phone Bill and Charges	\$ 547.10
Giant Tiger Cards	\$ 200.00 ⁽⁶⁾
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)	\$ 8,101.41
Total Deposits for the year ending December 31 st ,2020	\$ 8,307.00
Increase (Decrease) in Gift Card Balance for year	0.00
Total Disbursements (Expenses) for the year ending December 31 st , 2020	(\$ 8,101.41)
Surplus or (Deficit) for the year ending December 31 st , 2020	<u>\$ 205.59</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash in bank (January 1 st , 2020)	\$ 4,732.60
Other assets (Gift Cards - January 1 st , 2020)	0.00
Surplus or (Deficit) for the year	\$ 205.59
CASH IN BANK at December 31 st , 2020	\$ 4,938.19
OTHER ASSETS (Giant Tiger Gift cards)	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,938.19</u>

Bernie Pickett
(Treasurer)

Footnotes: (1) Collected \$407.10 for the North of 60 Project and \$200 for the Christmas Bureau from Parish envelopes. (2) Due to the pandemic the National and Ontario Council fees were covered by our Particular Council. (3) Due to the pandemic our Particular Council fees were not collected. (4) Special works included 2 donations to the Christmas Bureau for \$,2000 from our Conference and \$200 collected through donations. (5) The North of 60 Project purchased \$167.10 of tea and donated \$240 to Baker Lake. (6) Gift cards are used by our members to buy milk for our conference.