



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of Grace Conference
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Dear Parents,

In past years, your child's school has sponsored special activities to raise money for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Last year, in partnership with Welcoming Arms, our Christmas Program helped 145 families in our community. These neighbours in need included single parent families, the working poor, people on social assistance, and individuals who struggle with various physical disabilities, addictions or mental illness. These are people of all ages and from all backgrounds, who have fallen on hard financial times, and are looking for some help during the holiday season. Donations raised during the Christmas season also allow us to sustain our programs throughout the year, providing families with food vouchers, fresh food baskets, and other financial assistance.

Due to current public health safety measures, we will be simplifying our Christmas Program this year. We are not able to deliver Christmas stockings and toys, but will continue to provide President's Choice gift cards, which will allow families to purchase food, clothing, toiletries or toys, depending on their needs.

With all of the challenges that this year has brought, we feel that fundraising through the schools would put undue stress on everyone involved. Furthermore, with attendance at church being restricted in numbers, we recognize that it is difficult for many parishioners to make donations to our programs. For these reasons, we would like to offer some donation alternatives. Any amount you choose to donate will help to spread the joy and magic of Christmas to those in our community who need our help.

- Donations can be mailed or dropped off to Our Lady of Grace Parish. Please make cheques payable to **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (OLG)**. Tax receipts will be mailed out for donations of \$20 or more as long as a full name and address is provided.
- Interac e-transfer donations can be made via olgssvp@gmail.com. Please assign a simple security question that we will be able to decipher. If you would like a receipt, please email your name and address to the same email address.
- Credit card donations can be made via Canada Helps.org. Tax receipts will be issued directly to you by Canada Helps. [Canada Helps donation link](#)

We wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas season and thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Sincerely,
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Grace conference

