



## **SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** **London Particular Council**

### **St. Vincent's on Huron 2025 Year-End Impact Report**

#### **Building Hope for Housing: A Year of Extraordinary Progress**

As we approach the close of 2025, our hearts are full. What a remarkable year this has been—for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul London Particular Council, for what will be St. Vincent's on Huron, and especially for the about one hundred and twenty individuals who will call this new building home early in 2027.

Thanks to your generosity, encouragement, and belief in this vision, this project has moved from concept... to groundbreaking... to the shell of a six-storey structure rising proudly on Huron Street.

Your support is the reason hope is growing there—floor by floor.

#### **Your Impact This Year**

With deep gratitude, we are thrilled to share that our community has now raised \$1.68 million toward our \$1.7 million goal. This extraordinary achievement reflects the compassion of our community and more than 335 donors—individuals, families, foundations, parishes, service clubs, and businesses—all committed to addressing London's urgent housing crisis with affordable apartments.

Your gifts have strengthened our partnerships with government funders, enabling us to secure:

- \$5 million in forgivable funding from CMHC
- \$17.9 million in CMHC mortgage financing
- \$2.25 million in forgivable support from the City of London

In addition, we received \$2.5 million in bridge financing from the London Community Foundation, just now paid back with CMHC funding.

Every dollar you contributed unlocked additional support. Your generosity has multiplied.

## Construction Milestones

This spring, more than 100 supporters joined us for the groundbreaking ceremony—an unforgettable moment that marked the beginning of a new chapter in London’s affordable housing story.

Since then, the momentum has continued:

- The foundation and structure of the building were completed through the spring and into the fall.
- Construction has now reached the sixth and final floor.
- The building is on track to be fully enclosed before winter, allowing interior work to continue without delay.
- The project remains on schedule for completion in late 2026, with tenant occupancy beginning in early 2027.

Each concrete pour, each wall raised, each window framed—every step forward is made possible because you chose to help build a future of stability and dignity for our neighbours.

## Strengthening Our Community Together

With your support, 2025 was also a year of expanding outreach and engagement:

- Our donor base nearly tripled, now including more than 335 supporters.
- The Buy-A-Brick campaign continues to invite the community to take part.
- Our [website](#) redesign is keeping supporters informed with the latest updates, photos, and stories.
- Our [social media](#) for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul London Affordable Housing grew exponentially.
- We welcomed new people, foundations, faith groups, and corporate partners into this growing circle of hope.

What has been built this year goes far beyond concrete and steel—it is a stronger, more connected community committed to lifting others up.

## Looking Ahead for 2026

Once the roof is complete and the building is fully closed in, interior construction will begin in earnest. In spring and summer of 2026, we look forward to inviting you to hard-hat tours so you can see firsthand the future homes you helped create.

When St. Vincent's on Huron opens its doors, as many as 120 individuals—prioritizing single senior women, newcomers, and working poor families, —who will experience the stability and security that affordable housing provides.

In anticipation of move-in day, SSVP London is turning its attention to the various ways we can support residents with a plan to foster community, support wellness and poverty reduction. A committee of volunteers will begin considering suggestions in the new year.

Your generosity is not just erecting a building. It is raising hope, growing community and building futures.

Unsolicited, over 200 people have asked us to add them to the waiting list for an apartment.

Building on your trust and support, the committee is already looking for various potential sites for a future project, to continue to address the housing crisis in London and area.

### **With sincere appreciation,**

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are building a place where people can put down roots, feel safe, and thrive.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul London Particular Council Affordable Housing wishes you a joyful Christmas and a season filled with warmth, peace and laughter. May the new year bring you good health, happiness and wonderful moments with those you cherish.**

From the Affordable Housing Fundraising Committee Larry McKenzie (Chair), Shelley Baker and Mary Michniewicz (Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs), Linda Dollard (SSVP National Council of Canada President), Penny Hemingway, Michael Loebach and Sara Steers. And the Affordable Housing Building Committee including, Sharon Wright-Evans (President of SSVP London Particular Council), Murray Hamilton, Jim Paddon, Steve Pfaff, Trevor Holness (SSVP Treasurer) and Mike Agostinelli.

## The Excitement is Building. The year in photos.



Mayor Josh Morgan and Councillors at groundbreaking in April



SSVP London Particular Council and partners at groundbreaking

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