



***Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
London Particular Council
Affordable Housing***

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are pleased to share another exciting update on **St. Vincent's on Huron**. Thanks to your generosity, encouragement and prayers, construction continues to move ahead at an impressive pace. Together we are Building Hope for Housing.

Construction Update

Construction is progressing steadily and remains on schedule.

- Exterior brickwork is now underway.
- Drywall installation has been completed on the fifth and sixth floors and work is continuing downward.
- Project completion remains targeted for January 2027, with residents expected to begin moving in during February 2027.
- We remain optimistic that, if progress continues at its current pace, completion could occur even sooner.
- Cornerstone Architecture has confirmed that all municipal requirements continue to be met and construction costs remain on target.

On June 15, members of our committee hosted a special appreciation lunch for the construction crew. The workers shared how meaningful it has been to be part of a project that will provide safe, affordable housing for those who need it most.

Open House Success

Our June 5 Open House and Construction Tour was a tremendous success.

More than 100 donors, supporters and community partners toured the site, and were able to view one and two bedroom suites, accessible units, the lobby, administrative offices and common gathering spaces.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and helped make this special event possible.

Fundraising Update

We are pleased to report that our original fundraising goal of \$1.7 million has been achieved.

Even more encouraging, an additional \$630,000 in donations and pledges has been received as of the end of June. These additional funds will strengthen this project and help position us for future affordable housing initiatives.

Planning for Project #2

Work is already underway on identifying the location for our next affordable housing development.

Current opportunities being explored include:

- a City of London property on Hamilton Road
- a former church property on Dundas Street East

The committee also continues learning about the federal Build Canada Homes program, which will become the primary source of federal grant funding for future affordable housing developments. We look forward to presenting a recommendation on our next project in the near future.

Preparing for Tenant Selection

Planning has begun for tenant selection for the 52 affordable units.

Working alongside Arnsby Property Management, a subcommittee is developing fair and compassionate selection criteria that align with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's mission.

Priority continues to focus on:

- senior single women
- refugees and newcomers
- members of the working poor

Prospective tenants for affordable units will be required to register through the City of London's housing system.

Catherine Donnelly Foundation Grant

We are grateful to have received a \$15,000 grant from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation.

These funds will help develop the principles, policies and volunteer training that will guide the operation of St. Vincent's on Huron and ensure our services remain grounded in the Society's mission and values.

Property Tax Exemption

Work continues on securing a property tax exemption for St. Vincent's on Huron.

New Database System

To better serve our donors, volunteers and future tenants, SSVF London has begun implementing a new database platform called Keela.

This system will improve:

- donor communications
- charitable tax receipt processing
- fundraising management
- volunteer coordination
- organizational efficiency

Thank you for your continued generosity, encouragement and belief in this important work.

With sincere gratitude,

Saint Vincent de Paul Huron Affordable Housing



Exterior view of East Elevation.



Partial view of North Elevation.

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