

SSVP in Action

Vincentians go door to door distributing care packs

While many of us have adjusted to the new Covid-norm, it has not been so easy for the financially vulnerable or disadvantaged in our community, who face greater levels of stress and financial burden.

SSVP's 29 Conferences distributed much needed and appreciated essential items across the island to all its beneficiary families numbering over 2,000, first in June and then in December 2020. Each care pack contained masks, anti-bacterial hand wash/wipes, biscuits, Milo, medicated oil and cream, towels etc.

Said Ms Suhaini, one of our FINs: "Thank you SSVP for the care pack! I'm touched beyond words and am truly grateful.

My little ones enjoyed the snacks and it made their day.

I sincerely thank all the donors and volunteers involved. God bless all of you!"

Ms Amanda Binny and Ms Christine Ng, two SSVP youth volunteers who were involved in the distribution of the care packs said: "The SSVP care pack distribution was a very



meaningful experience for the both of us! As we were able to carry out this project from the beginning to the end, the process allowed us to fully recognise the importance of the support SSVP provides for our beneficiaries of all ages and backgrounds. Throughout the distribution process, we experienced first-hand and understood how grateful the families were for the continuous provision of aid from SSVP!"

The two youth volunteers not only helped with the packing and distribution, they also made a video documenting the project which can be found on SSVP's YouTube Channel.

SSVP thanks all donors including an anonymous donor, Temasek Trust, Credit Suisse Corporate Citizenship, the many SSVP Vincentians and volunteers! SSVP is now gearing up for another nationwide Care Pack Distribution in June. Watch this space!

Sacred Heart's Operation Christmas Drop

SSVP's Sacred Heart Church Conference organised "Operation Christmas Drop" to bring goodwill and cheer to 119 Friends-In-Need (FINs) by gifting them essential domestic appliances generously donated from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. Each FIN was given a choice. They could choose one of the following items: electric kettle, rice cooker or desk or standing fan. Vincentians and volunteers responded enthusiastically to help





Fruits and a gas-oven burner; simple and practical gifts for our FINs.

with the distribution and were all smiles despite the wet weather.

Said one of the volunteers, “It is indeed a rewarding and heart-warming experience to see our FINs happy and to be a meaningful part of SSVP in bringing joy to those in need!”

Holy Family’s Christmas Bakes Project

Holy Family Conference held a special Christmas Bakes fundraising project that also provided an opportunity for Conference members to grow in fellowship.

Parishioners either pledged a bake by donating money for Vincentians to bake the cakes for the FINs or purchased a bake made by the members.

The Project kicked-off in late November and member bakers baked a grand total of 110 bottles of biscotti, 87 bottles of butter cookies, 63 bottles of coffee

biscuits, 38 bottles of Nutella tarts and 46 French chocolate cakes. Members also baked gingerbread men, chocolate chip cookies and butter cakes.


The Conference raised over \$9,000 from the project.

SLDM touches hearts during Advent

As part of the Church of St Vincent de Paul’s Advent Encounter Programme which was conducted over three months, Vincentians from the church’s St. Louise de Marillac (SLDM) Conference “buddied” with parishioners, and visited 36 FIN families, bearing modest gifts of food and household items. They also offered prayers for each family and lent a

listening ear to them. Vincentians raised over \$17,000 in support of the Advent Encounter and the ongoing work of the Conference.

During the three months of the programme, there were on-line reflections by Fr Eugene Vaz and Fr JJ Fenelon on the Pope’s Year of the Poor Message.

Said Thomas Lew, President of SLDM Conference, “We started this Advent Encounter with hope and promise. We ended it with gentle affirmation that God’s work is served and supported, not with grand gestures, but the simplicity of walking with Jesus. Our gratitude goes to the parish priests, pastoral council, parishioners and prayer groups for their wholehearted participation and unstinting generosity.” 



Our Combined Thanksgiving Prayer Session on Feb 5, 2021 which marked the end of the Programme.