



# 2022 Annual Report



### Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand

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From the National President

## A Society of Love and Giving

The past year has seen the Society members continue their role of working for the poor and vulnerable. COVID lockdowns made it more difficult to reach out to those in need even as these numbers grew. Conference members and Young Vinnies found innovative ways to get assistance to those in need but sadly COVID made it very difficult to visit the elderly, sick and shut-ins which has intensified the epidemic of loneliness in our communities. We need to focus on this in the future.

Our Vinnies shops have faced a difficult time with the COVID lockdowns affecting the whole network, but in particular the Auckland and Waikato shops where they faced protracted shutdowns. While it affected our revenues, more importantly it affected the ability of the public to access the low-cost items available in the shops that are so important to them. Shop staff and volunteers are so vital to the work of the Society. I continually marvel at the way people give so willingly to the work in our shops, food banks and other special works that enable us to make a deep impact in the lives of so many. Thank you all for your wonderful gift of giving. I constantly tell people that on my travels as I meet so many of you, I walk among saints.

### Primary goal

We have placed a heavy emphasis on the spiritual welfare of the society this year. Our spiritual director, Father Alan Roberts prepares a spiritual reflection for all Society members, volunteers and associate members which is sent out on the first day of every month. Members reflect on the commentary and address the questions, and then are asked to pray the reflection prayer each day during the month. The November National Council meeting had a strong spiritual focus on the first day and we were reminded that Blessed Frederic Ozanam and the other founders agreed from the beginning that the primary goal of the Society was the spiritual growth of its members. We continue to promote this goal today as we differentiate the Society from an organisation with a pure welfare approach to a Society with more of a focus on charity with face-to-face contact with those we serve.

Compliance continues to take up greater amounts of our national and local leaders time. This includes Health and Safety, Employment law, Charities

Services, Safeguarding and our own Society policy compliance. It is concerning that we are spending more time on commercial compliance issues, which diverts us from our charity work. Increased commercial compliance requirements also make it more difficult to find local leaders. This is an area that needs more focus and the National Council will look at how we provide extra resources to help meet the needs in this area.

The Board and National Council spent considerable time developing a COVID policy to address the issue of vaccinated and unvaccinated members, employees and volunteers. We approved a policy that required all those working in our shops or attending Society meetings and events to be vaccinated. Later in the year these policies were changed to reflect the reduced risk and changed social attitudes, to allow all people to participate, vaccinated or not. This was a tricky exercise balancing the long waits for Government guidance with the need to communicate and seek approval from the National Council, all under the pressure of getting a policy finalised pre-Christmas. The National Council to their credit, responded with approval in a timely manner and it was finalised in time for the Christmas break.

### Safeguarding Policy

The Society's Safeguarding Policy was finalised in November after a lot of discussion and communication with Society members and outside stakeholders. It was important that the Society policy aligned closely with the Catholic Church policy, while still meeting the requirements set out in the CGI Safeguarding Guidelines. We have published the policy on our website and the guidelines showing how the policy is to be put into practice are being developed.

I have managed to visit 17 of the 22 Area Councils over the course of the year and found the Society to be in good heart. The Conference is the fundamental unit of the Society and there is tremendous work being done at this level. However, it can't be taken for granted and Conferences need support to operate and grow. We hope to look at providing a centralised resource at National level to assist Conferences with recruiting and retaining members. It is important that Conferences continue to help people face-to-face. While welfare can be dispensed bureaucratically, charity requires close contact with people to ensure they understand that they matter. I would like to see more training resources developed for Conference Presidents and members to assist them in their work.

The Auckland Young Vinnies operation at Onehunga has been working under the umbrella of the Auckland East Area Council for a number of years, despite the fact that it operates Auckland-wide. Their main works include a large foodbank, school programmes which promote Vinnies values and works and other community works that support the Māori and Pasifika populations in Auckland. A new Charitable Trust structure has been approved by the National Council that will enable the operation to work freely among all of the Area Councils in Auckland and will allow for better governance and management expertise than under the Conference/Area Council structure. This is a leading part of the Society's work in our largest city and Del Soti and her team are to be congratulated for the great work they have done for the poor, especially during the COVID pandemic.

**Making a difference**

I would like to thank all of the donors of food, goods and money who give so generously to the Society. Your generosity enables us to reach deeply into local communities to give people in need a "hand up".

I also wish to thank all Members, Associate Members and Volunteers for the work that you do. We are a Society that goes under the radar in the work we do, very much unnoticed by the majority of people, but we make a huge difference in the lives of the people we serve. May our work continue to assist us in the growth of our faith and continue to make a difference to those in need.

Finally, I wish to thank Anne-Marie and the National Office Staff for their wonderful work over the past year. We continue to put more and more demands on a small National Office team but if we expect to meet the increasing demands the Society faces, we will need to provide more resources to assist them. That will be a priority for the Board and National Council to consider.

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"I constantly tell people that on my travels as I meet so many of you, I walk among saints."

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*God Bless*



**Terry Jordan**  
National President

"The question which is agitating the world today is a social one. It is a struggle between those who have nothing and those who have too much. It is a violent clash of opulence and poverty which is shaking the ground under our feet. Our duty as Christians is to throw ourselves between these two camps in order to accomplish by love what justice alone cannot do".

—Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

From the Executive Officer

## When the need is urgent

2022 was another challenging year for New Zealand. COVID -19 continued to significantly impact our communities, bringing uncertainty and disruption to many. Perhaps more than the immediate impact of the virus itself, the ongoing repercussions of the pandemic proved to be very stressful – job uncertainty, separation from loved ones, loneliness, heightened tensions within our communities.

A rapidly rising cost of living added to the burden, especially for lower-income and vulnerable families. And, as always, regular natural disasters such as storms and floods threw the lives of a number of communities into chaos.

These harsh realities brought a sense of urgency to the Society's efforts to respond throughout the year. Many New Zealanders were in need of a helping hand to get through a difficult situation. Many people struggling with mental health issues needed the support of a friend or neighbour to get them through.

I am pleased to report that the grass-roots support from St Vincent de Paul has been in evidence right across the country.

A few statistics tell the story. In 2021/22, more than 200,000 food parcels were dispatched to families and individuals in need. Essential household furniture was provided for more than 8,000 homes. 40,000 home visits were made, 57 Vinnies shops were in action selling-low-cost goods and raising valuable funds to support the Society's works. Around 20,000 visits were made to hospitals and rest homes, including providing transport where needed.

Behind these statistics lie a shared vision of faith in action. While it is always a challenge to attract new members, we nevertheless still have a formidable army of members and volunteers who recognise need in their local situations and do something about it. The Society has 124 Conferences and more than 4,000 members and volunteers who are working quietly to care for others. We also have many Young Vinnies' Conferences who bring enthusiasm and vitality to the work of serving others. Like the many generations of Vincentians who have gone before, our members and volunteers don't make a fuss but they make a huge difference.

Looking ahead, we have a Strategic Plan to guide our efforts and prioritise the work we do. It is vital

that we keep returning to this plan to focus our efforts at a local as well as a national level. The Plan has three main focus areas. The first is to ensure a spiritually-aware and fully engaged Society. The second goal is to rejuvenate the Society with new members, especially younger people who bring vitality and new ideas to our work. It also includes finding opportunities for newcomers who are time-constrained to be involved.

The third goal is to engage with the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our communities, and to care for the earth that we share. Action on this goal includes working to reduce inequality as well as compassionate outreach. And it also requires us to move from the sidelines to be actively involved in the care for our environment. In the words of Pope Francis: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

As a Society we can be proud of what was achieved in 2022. The best traditions of the Society are vibrantly alive. The work we do supporting our neighbours and communities has never been more important.

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**Anne-Marie McCarten**

Executive Officer



From the Spiritual Director

## Work done with love

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I first encountered a St Vincent de Paul Conference in 1973. It was in a fairly wealthy middle class parish of our diocese. As I recall, it was made up of mostly white middle-class elderly men! We younger priests wondered somewhat about this group. One of my colleagues was suggesting they remodel along the Lions organisation, of which he was a member! It wasn't long before I was also asked to become a member of another branch of Lions. Life became very busy and I had involvement in Young Vinnies but little to do with the rest.

After four years I moved and in my second parish one couldn't help but become involved. I'm not comparing the two parishes, but in this parish in 1977, the V de P were amazing and very much noticed. Young men, older men, yes men as in male. I don't know why I don't recall any women, but in other parishes since, women have been the stabilizers of the V de P.

I don't know whether this matters but one thing is for sure: what does matter is that that work is being done in the right way. That is, with love. We can test this by asking ourselves 'when I do Vincentian work, what am I learning?'

Pope Francis has much to say about serving the poor and reminds us that people also lack love. We need to become really familiar, not only with his words, but also with his mentality:

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“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid.”

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**Fr Alan Roberts**

Spiritual Director





## Our Mission

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is the largest Catholic lay organisation in the Church. Our members take seriously the commands of the Gospel to serve others and work for justice. We work in a caring and practical manner to promote human dignity and justice through personal contact with those in need.

## Our Vision

We strive to provide person-to-person practical and effective help to those in need – sharing their burdens and joys, sowing seeds of hope and promoting self-sufficiency.





# OUR CORE VALUES

## Generosity

Giving of one's self and one's time.

## Integrity

Living by the Society's values, vision and mission.

## Compassion

Opening our hearts to all in need with understanding and without judgement.

## Empathy

Establishing relationships with those in need by actively listening to them and striving to understand how they are feeling.

## Responsiveness

Responding to the needs of the poor, the lonely, the marginalised and the dispossessed.

## Advocacy

Helping those in need to get the support they need and secure their rightful entitlements to welfare. Working alongside like-minded organisations to address the causes of poverty and injustice.

## Respect for people

Serving all in need regardless of creed, ethnicity, or social background.

## Respect for the environment

Taking action, and supporting others to take action, to reduce our carbon footprint and live sustainably.

## Innovation

Embracing new ways of doing things so we can strengthen the Society and respond more effectively to the disadvantaged in our communities.

## Courage

Finding the courage to be close to those who are vulnerable and lonely, and act on their behalf.



# Strategic Focus Areas

## 2020-2024

1

### OUR MEMBERS

To ensure a spiritually-focused and fully-engaged Society committed to its vision, mission and values.

2

### OUR FUTURE

To create and invigorate a young, innovative, unified and sustainable Society.

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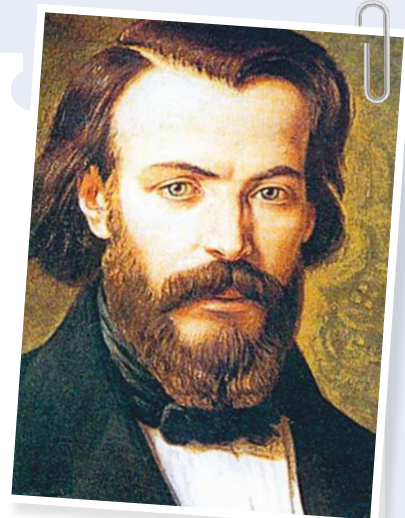
### OUR WORK

To serve Christ in the poor, the displaced, the lonely, the marginalised and the isolated.

To recognise our responsibility to care for the earth and the poor of the earth in the way we live.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded at the University of Paris in 1833 by a group of young students led by Frederic Ozanam, a brilliant young law student.**

190 years later the Society has spread throughout the world and today has 1.4 million members. The Society began in New Zealand in 1867, with the first conference being established in Christchurch. The founding group chose St Vincent de Paul as their patron, a 17th century priest who devoted his life to serving the poor and needy.



*Frederic Ozanam*

# The Society in New Zealand 2022 – A Snapshot



22

AREA  
COUNCILS

124

CONFERENCES

58

SHOPS

66

FULL-TIME  
PAID EMPLOYEES

61

PART-TIME  
PAID EMPLOYEES



MORE  
THAN

200,000

FOOD  
PARCELS  
DISPATCHED

MORE  
THAN

40,000

HOME  
VISITATIONS

MORE  
THAN

8,000

HOUSEHOLDS  
FURNISHED

4,000

BUDGETING  
/COUNSELLING  
SESSIONS



Running Vinnies Shops

Providing  
Emergency Relief

Advocating for  
people in vulnerable  
situations



Supporting  
migrants

Supporting  
families under  
stress



Organising  
Foodbanks

Visiting people in  
home, hospital and  
in prison



Assisting people  
in need



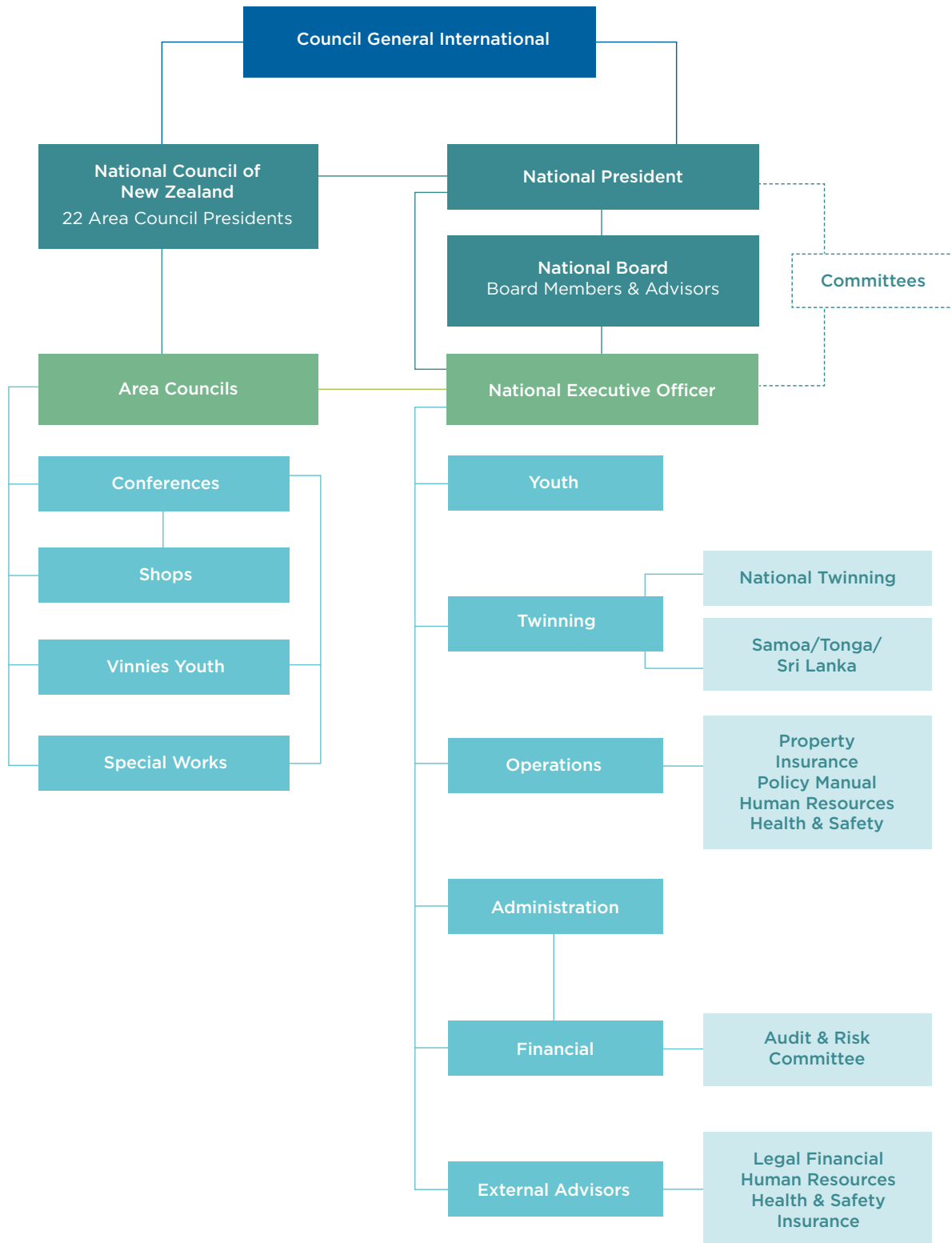
Community  
Outreach

Mobilising Young  
Vinnies to care for  
others



# HOW WE HELP

# Organisational Chart



# WHAT WE DID

*... provided community and home delivery meals ... re-housed 100*  
MATERIALS FOR REFUGEES ... organised loads of firewood ... p  
*... distributed more than 2,000 food parcels .. PROVIDED LOW*  
NATIONWIDE ... **furnished more than 8,000 homes** ... made 150  
*the community ... MADE 40,000 HOME VISITATIONS ... provid*  
**people** ... *provided funds to help with doctor, dentist and optician e*  
PEOPLE ... **made numerous hearing aid grants to elderly peo**  
*meals for those who wanted to share the day with others ... paid for*  
SUPPORT TWINNING PROJECTS IN SAMOA, TONGA AND SRI LAN  
*children's holiday programmes ... provided disaster recovery a*  
COUNSELLING AND BUDGETING SERVICES FOR NEARLY 4,000 P  
**... called on families who had suffered bereavements** ...*provid*  
*appeal for donations at the local supermarket ...MET REGULARLY I*  
OF MEMBERS ... *supported women's refuges ... helped tutor adu*  
*the ground in Ukraine ... FOSTER CARE SUPPORT ... delivered a su*  
**supported women's refuges** ... organised family counselling ...P  
*into laundry for the homeless ... helped people with drug and*  
*household goods for families in need ... FORMED A WORKING B*  
**took elderly fold shopping** ... supported the vulnerable over the pho  
*electricity costs ... house-cleaning for a patient returning home from*  
**visits** ... volunteered to do 'meals on wheels' ... RESPONDED TO NA  
*and redistributed furniture ... took communion to the sick and e*  
*school lunches ... established a frozen meal bank to supply meals for*  
BADLY AFFECTED BY FLOODS ...helped families pay school fees

**families** ... PROVIDED BEDDING, BIKES AND KITCHEN  
**provided financial support for school uniforms**  
-COST GOODS AND CLOTHING THROUGH 58 VINNIES STORES  
D visits to prisoners ... *helped prisoners re-integrate back into*  
**ed counselling and budgeting services for nearly 4,000**  
*expenses* ... DID CHORES AROUND THE HOME FOR ELDERLY  
**ple throughout New Zealand** ... provided sit-down Christmas  
*school uniforms for needy families* ... RAISED FUNDS TO  
KA ... **budget counselling** ... took communion to the sick ... *ran*  
**assistance** ... offered free clothing for RSE workers ...PROVIDED  
PEOPLE ... supported people and their families when they left prison  
*ded special Christmas grocery boxes for families* ... ran a food  
N CONFERENCES TO SUPPORT THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
**ult learners** ... provided funds to support the Society's work on  
*upply of meals to families with a terminally ill family member ...*  
PROVIDED LOW-COST SCHOOL LUNCHES ... converted a property  
**alcohol problems** ... *organised vanloads of furniture and*  
EE TO CUT AND STORE LARGE STACKS OF FIREWOOD...  
one during the COVID-19 pandemic ... helped people in need meet  
*hospital ...* **provided transport for hospital and medical**  
TIONAL APPEALS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TONGA ... collected  
**elderly** ... supported local families in stress ... *provided affordable*  
r people in need ...ORGANISED SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES  
... **provide childcare and foster care support.**

From the National Youth Advisor

## The vital role of the Society's Youth Coordinators

The Young Vinnies programme, built on Vincentian values, introduces thousands of students to the spirit and work of the Society. It inspires and encourages those within primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutes to give their time to volunteer, sowing the seeds of a lifetime of service. At the same time, Young Vinnies enrich the Society as a whole with their energy, enthusiasm and compassion for others.

The Young Vinnies programme continues to promote our Vincentian spirit of kindness and generosity. Working alongside their community, our Youth Coordinators' enthusiasm for helping encourages Young Vinnies to learn how to live their faith in action.

Some of our highlights this year include working alongside local councils and community groups to assist with harbour and beach clean-ups, saving seeds for the seedbank, growing produce for local food banks and using food rescue items to help provide school lunches.

These are among the many advantages of employing your own Youth Coordinator. There are over 200 Catholic Schools waiting to connect with your Area Council. Your Coordinator can make these connections happen not only with that school, but also forge links to other organisations.

Over the last two years, the Board has looked at strengthening the infrastructure and administration at a National level to support Area Councils Young Vinnies coordinators and we are developing this further.

Youth Coordinators continue to meet and develop ideas and programmes for Young Vinnies. We have a space online where we share this. It also includes spiritual resources to grow the spirituality of Young Vinnies. As yet these resources are not available for teachers in schools without access to a Youth Coordinator. Our intention, signalled last year, to meet for professional development face-to-face should be more possible over this next year.

Finally, I must acknowledge and thank the Society's Coordinators who in many cases are the public face of the Society. They are often the first contact many people have with the Society and they do their work with great professionalism.

**Paola Minehan**

National Youth Advisor





# YOUNG VINNIES STEP UP FOR CANTEEN SERVICE



When the school canteen lady retired, Sacred Heart College in Napier surveyed its options. The students asked for an online lunch delivery service but at more than \$10 a pop, it was an expensive option. The school principal turned to the Young Vinnies at the school and asked if they could help.

“Oh yeah, what days can we have”, said Vinnies Youth Coordinator for Hawkes Bay, Paola Minehan. Paola is often round the school and always looking for ways to help out.

The Young Vinnies at the school took the opportunity and began running the canteen on a Monday and Tuesday. They split into two teams, each having one day a week. A free cereal breakfast is offered each day and lunch is available from between \$2 and \$4.50. Just one lunch is offered each day, ranging from soup to nachos to mac cheese.

“The work is frantic, with students lined up as soon as the bell goes waiting to purchase whatever is being sold that day,” says Paola. “The most popular lunch sold so far has been nachos. Ninety-nine percent of the time, the meals are sold out.



“Food is prepared by the Food Tech teacher Sarah Coram-O’Kane. We couldn’t run the project without her.”

Paola says the students come from different backgrounds and the need varies greatly.

“It’s a mixed bag. There are some well-off families and some families for whom Monday is a hard day because there is nothing to eat in the cupboard. It’s a nice school, everyone helps out.”

The cost of running the canteen are met several ways. The food prep and the running of the canteen are done by volunteers, some food comes from Hawke’s Bay food rescue and the local Vinnies Conference and Area Council make a small donation to help buy ingredients each week.

Everyone benefits from the project, says Paola.

“It gives everyone the chance to go to the canteen and buy lunch at a very reasonable cost. And it’s very interesting for the Young Vinnies too. They are learning customer service, cash and food handling skills. And if someone is in need, we just give them the lunch. Young Vinnies make those judgement calls.”

As well as the canteen outreach, some families are provided with food parcels as well through Vinnies, says Paola.

*Photos: Young Vinnies run a super-affordable canteen service at Sacred Heart College, Napier.*

# FEEDBACK FROM THE REGIONS



## Napier Area Council

It has been a busy year for our area. Our food parcel service is in demand which involves preparing and delivering parcels from a dedicated room at our Vinnies shop. Food donations are brought by parishioners to Masses each week and people can also buy food using a charge card from a local supermarket.

We have helped schools who have requested assistance for parents who cannot afford to buy their children school uniforms and school supplies. We also helped fund school camps for those who could not otherwise afford to attend them.

St Mary's Conference has continued with their "Care of Creation" project where a recycling table is set up outside the church before Mass for the exchange of goods. Suitable items are also donated to the Vinnies shop.

Conference members have continued to visit the lonely and do gardening for the elderly. We were pleased to be able to deliver 29 cord of wood for those struggling during the cold months.

We helped fund more than 50 disadvantaged youth from both Catholic and non-Catholic schools so that they could attend a Christian youth camp in Hawkes Bay. Support included food, transport and camp site costs. The camp is for youth ages 13 – 18 and is centred around faith formation, wellbeing and being in solitude with God to help them deal with day-to-day struggles. We also funded this initiative last year. The camp is very popular and successfully

run with the help of Victoria Vo, one of our St Patrick's Conference members, who is a key organiser and youth worker.

St Mary's Conference works alongside PARS (Prisoners' Aid Rehabilitation Society) and has assisted with transportation for those wanting to visit a family member in prison. Clothing and food is provided for those who are released.

We have also been pleased to send funds for all special appeals requested by National Office including Tonga, Ukraine, Sri Lanka and South Auckland.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by our shop volunteers who shouldered the day-to-day running of our Vinnies store when we were without a manager for five months. Their management skills were outstanding during a very difficult time.

**Christine Tong** – Area President, Napier

*Below: The Society helped fund a very successful Christian Camp for youth in Hawke's Bay.*



# Vinnies respond swiftly to Auckland's January flash flooding

**Auckland Vinnies quickly swung into action when flash flooding hit Auckland in late January.**

In the first three days, Vinnies provided essential supplies to nearly 600 families in the areas worst hit – Central Auckland and parts of South and West Auckland. Essential supplies included food boxes, cleaning products, sanitary products and blankets. Hot meals were also prepared and delivered to many households.

As soon as they were able to get through, Vinnies staff and volunteers took to the streets, door-knocking in the most affected parts of Central Auckland. A special focus was providing essential supplies to isolated and vulnerable families that did not make it out to evacuation centres.

Vinnies also sent bulk essential supplies on pallets to the evacuation centres and staff to help out there.

Vinnies set up a helpline which was very busy. A key goal was to help families get the assistance they needed from relevant government agencies and other community organisations who could provide immediate help.

*Vinnies staff and volunteers moved quickly to help Aucklanders suffering the effects of record-breaking torrential rain.*



## Auckland West Council

**This past year has seen the beginning of rebuilding in Auckland West, a year of learning and reconnecting.**

Our shop was closed for a few months for a much needed clean-up and has gone from running at a loss to a healthy sustainable business with a refocus on Catholicism and works of charity with prices, culture and processes reflecting that focus. We've reviewed our expenditure, identified financial responsibilities and have processes in place to assist with accountability.

Regular meetings are being held with Conference Presidents now and I've attended individual Conference meetings to enable our wider volunteers to voice concerns. As with everything there is an element of resistance to change, but I believe we need to get back to basics. Many want to help but want guidance and assistance in making it happen.

A workshop in the new year should help see some projects come out in line with our Society's Strategic Plan. Our year ahead is exciting with growing exposure and interest in our works, project planning, a proposed second Vinnies shop, helping Conferences review their processes and practices and finding innovative ways to make a real difference with the resources we have.

Succession planning is an important focus for me as President. I started blind without any past minutes or records – an obstacle I will ensure won't be there for the next President. My special thanks to our National Office staff for their patience, perseverance, and guidance over the past year – you truly are a valued asset to the Society.

**Paula Betham**  
*Area President, West Auckland*

# Hamilton Area Council

**Our state-of-the-art foodbank communities to serve our community as demand for food parcels soars to unbelievable numbers. In the 12 months from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, we supplied 4,189 food parcels to families in need.**

We have also started a delivery service in conjunction with the Wise Group to help pensioners, the disabled and those with mental health issues who are unable to visit our office. This is working well and we are currently delivering six parcels a day in Hamilton.

None of this could happen without our corporate partners whose support is amazing and food donations have helped us keep up with the growing demand.

## Community lunches

We now offer community lunches three days a week, catering 90-120 lunches per week. In the winter it is a three-course lunch. We have been lucky enough to secure the services of a trainer chef who comes in on a Wednesday and prepares the menu for the three days in advance.

## Pensioner lunches

We now supply pensioner meals in Huntly and to the Pacific Island community in our city. This service provides each person three meals a week which totals around 600 meals a week. We have had nothing but positive feedback from all those involved in this initiative. A reality we have experienced is the loneliness of those accepting the meals, so more time is being spent with each drop-off.

All our other services are in high demand and staff are under increasing pressure to keep up with the avalanche of requests for help.

## Jim Nolen

*Area President, Hamilton*

# South Auckland Area Council

The Society engages in a range of support activities for the community in South Auckland.

We have a truck on the road to assist with furniture deliveries and provide food support for those in immediate need. Recently our truck has been busy moving furniture to support flood-affected clients. Last November and December we provided 585 food parcels to families in need. In November we were able to support 650 adults and 613 children and in December we supported 644 adults and 742 children with food boxes for Christmas.

This outreach into the community kept our Otahuhu team of up to five people very busy each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, preparing parcels and coordinating their pick-up and delivery. The appreciation from our clients make it all very worthwhile.

The assistance we provide also includes helping our clients with financial management – reducing debt repayments, reducing overall debt, assisting with budget worksheets for social housing applications and helping clients to access available entitlements.

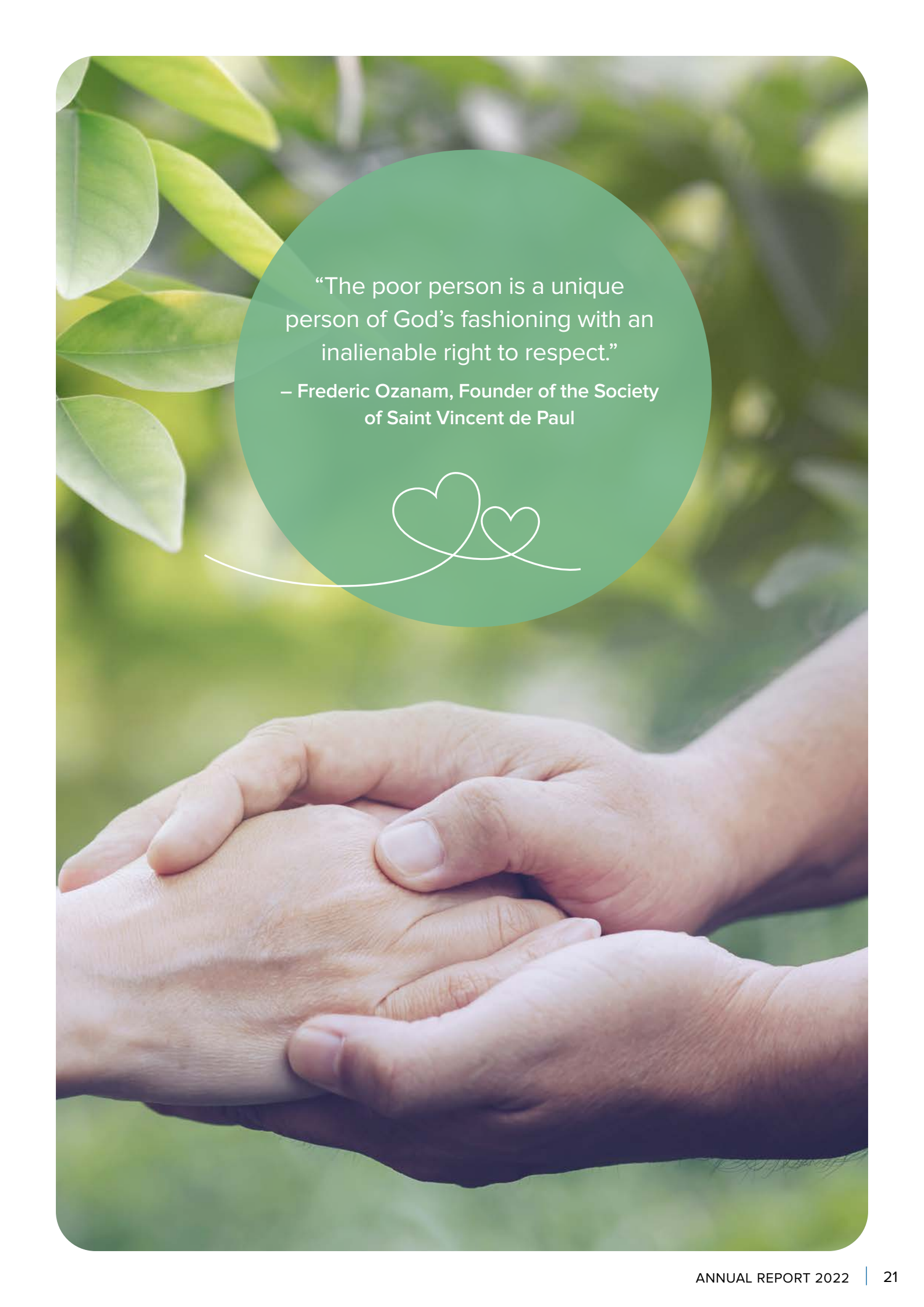
A recent example is one of our team successfully getting a client out of an unaffordable car contract under the CCCFA rules. We have also set up communities of practice for South Auckland financial mentors to share information and allow a platform for guest speakers from relevant organisations.

The Society provides education scholarships for three Catholic secondary schools in South Auckland – McAuley High School, De La Salle College and Sancta Maria College. School fees are paid for the scholarship winners at Years 12 and 13 to help them continue their education.

Over the past year our acting President, Rosanne Wills, has been working on regenerating Conferences with visits and meetings. As readers will know, Conferences have struggled after the Covid hiatus, and we are working to support their recovery.

## John Packham

*Treasurer, South Auckland Area Council*



“The poor person is a unique person of God’s fashioning with an inalienable right to respect.”

– Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



# Vinnies Hub responds to ongoing demand in Auckland

Throughout last year, the Vinnies in Auckland continued to meet a strong demand for assistance as the rising cost of living impacted on disadvantaged communities.

When she was interviewed in May 2022, Delphina Soti, General Manager of St Vincent de Paul Hub in Auckland, said peak demand had reached 1,200 parcels a week.

Delphina noted that COVID had a long tail and there were many layers of need in the community.

“The mental health of a lot of people has been affected by COVID. Probably about a third of those we are dealing with cannot work for one reason or another – they might have health or mental health issues or have very young children. The benefit does not suffice and they cannot work.

“There’s a lot of talk about things coming back to normal but in reality recovery takes a couple of years. Employment rates may be at their highest, but some families are juggling three or four jobs that don’t pay as well as the jobs they used to have pre-COVID. There are more industrial jobs which pay the bills, but the work is harder and takes a toll on family members. We also have a lot of young Pasifika and Maori people who are opting not to go onto tertiary education as their families are struggling and they need to work to bring in more money.”

“Food is becoming so expensive that it has become a discretionary item. People opt to pay for housing and amenities before food. The food parcels which we distribute are based on larger families units, are high in nutritional value and make a significant difference to families. We follow the ‘Standard Food Parcel’ measure established by Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective. We have done a lot of work to ensure our parcels are tailored to the needs of different families, for example Halal, Pasifika, vegan and so forth.”

When the effects of the pandemic began to escalate in 2020, Vinnies Auckland expanded their operation from a 200 square metre warehouse to an 1100 square metre warehouse. People are referred to Vinnies from a range of sources.



Delphina Soti cited the costs of housing, rental accommodation, debt-servicing, food and petrol as major pressure points for struggling families.

*Vinnies workers and volunteers pitch in to meet the ongoing demand for assistance in Auckland.*

# Taranaki Area Council

There are four Conferences under the Taranaki Area Council with 48 Members, 100 Associate Members and 49 Volunteers. All Conferences meet monthly, with Hawera having an extra visitation meeting each month. The Area Council meets four times a year. All meetings include prayers and a spiritual reflection.

## Community meals

Community meals are provided in New Plymouth each week by volunteers on a rostered system. Each week between 35-50 diners attend, and in addition 4-6 meals are delivered to the Men's Shelter. A Christmas meal was provided in December, with Santa present, a decorated hall and a Christmas bag filled with treats and toiletries. Our members in Hawera provide meals and food as the need arises. Donated bread and buns are delivered to pre-schools, kindergartens and private homes weekly and are always gratefully received. A local Lions Club hold a monthly luncheon which rest home residents and other elderly folk are invited to attend at our cost.

In Stratford, monthly afternoon teas are attended by 80-100 people. A special Christmas function was held in November including a visit from Santa who gave each person a donated present. Left-over presents were delivered to rest homes and struggling families in the community. An Anointing Mass was also held, followed by a hot lunch for 47 people.

## Food parcels/linen/crockery/furniture

All our conferences have members who also work at the foodbank and we always liaise with them when food parcels are required. Since COVID, there has been a marked increase in the number of food parcels required. Requests for linen, crockery and furniture has also increased, especially during the winter months.

## Whare Kai

*Whare Kai* cooking classes are provided for young Mums in New Plymouth. Four-to-six Mums attend to learn how to cook healthy meals for their families. All ingredients and often extras are provided for a main meal once a week. These families are also provided with extensive support, advocacy and child-minding while they cook.

## Visitations

Visiting rest homes, hospitals, the impoverished and sick continues in all conferences by very special people who give freely of their time to listen and help those that they visit. Transport is provided for people to attend appointments and our members organise pick-ups from supermarkets / pharmacy as needed. Bereavement visiting along with a food basket and the offering of a Mass is common practice within our parishes.

## Monetary support

Food/petrol vouchers, and help with payment of bills for car, chemist, doctor, telephone and power are provided as needed. The Society also assists with school lunches, firewood and tertiary education grants when needs arise.

The year we supported the Society's National Appeals: Sri Lanka through our twinning programme, Ukraine, Tonga, Fiji and Samoa. We made local donations to the men's shelter, Ozanam House, Sands, Blue light, Creative Inclusion, Trinity Home and the hospital.

## Refugees

The New Plymouth conference has been accredited to receive and support refugees. Currently they are waiting for a family to sponsor which should happen early 2023.

## Vinnies shops

Taranaki has two shops that are managed by dedicated volunteers and are very well supported by locals who both bring goods in and also purchase from us.

One of our members, Gabrielle Carmen, was nominated and received an award in recognition of her work as a volunteer in the community. Congratulations Gabrielle. We are blessed in Taranaki to have a small but dedicated team of volunteers to carry out our Vincentian work and foster all that is good in our Society.

**Annette Orchard** – Area President, Taranaki

# Kapi Mana Area Council

In a year when things almost came back to normal we were faced with increasing demands for our services. Alongside this was the ongoing need to make St Vincent de Paul more relevant and available to the people of our area, which stretches from Tawa to Levin.

Following the first wave of COVID, efforts were made to raise the profile of the Society in Levin and find new ways of fulfilling our mission. It seemed the best way to do this was to bring St Vincent de Paul out of the local church and into the streets where it could be seen and easily accessed by all.

After much soul-searching and looking at properties, we were on the verge of re-thinking our plans. But then, out of the blue, we found a site that ticked all our boxes. In May of this year we blessed and opened a new shop in Levin, and more importantly established the Vincentian Centre on the same site, but in a separate building. The Centre enables people to encounter the love of Jesus Christ through personal contact with Vincentian members. It is also being used for activities that support young mothers, parents and the elderly. Catholic Social Services from Wellington will be using the Centre as a base for the northern part of the Diocese. It will also be a base for assisting the refugees who are coming to the area in 2023.

The establishment of the Centre was made possible by the support of all the Area Conferences. Special thanks must go to the Otaki and Kapiti Conference for their many hours of painting and decorating. While it was an Area activity, the Levin Conference took it on board and have made a tremendous commitment to its ongoing progress. It has become the new home of SVdP in Levin.

Refugees from Columbia, South America have started to arrive, and we have formed a working relationship with The Red Cross who are the lead group for their resettlement. We are expecting around 90 refugees to be settled in Levin over the next twelve months. A special team from the three northern conferences has been set up to handle this work.

Business is steadily increasing in our Porirua shop and the new shop in Levin is going well.

Young Vinnies groups continue to flourish in Porirua and Kapiti.

Like all Areas, we have our problems with membership. Numbers are not so much of an issue but the age of our members makes it more difficult to carry out some of the physical work. Use of volunteers to carry out some of the works provides an opportunity to recruit new members. It is up to us to make the Society more attractive to them as being a worthwhile group to join. Our older members are encouraged to stay as “prayer members”, concentrating on spiritual support for each Conference and its work.

All our Conferences are busy with increasing demand for food parcels, clothing and furniture assistance. We are noticing more requests for help with meeting prescription costs. These are signs of the increasingly difficult economic times we face as a nation.

In the coming year we will be continuing to reawaken our Mission to spread the teachings of Jesus through one-to-one contact with needy and vulnerable people while at the same time developing our own spiritual growth. Special thanks to Fr. Alan Roberts for his very helpful monthly reflections. They are a vital part of our Conference meetings.

Finally my heartfelt thanks and blessings to all who have supported us over the past twelve months – donors, volunteers, members and National Office staff who somehow manage to do so much with so little. Also my special thanks to the Conference Presidents who have been so supportive of me personally. Thanks to you all.

**Gerard Stevens** – Area President, Kapi Mana



## Hastings Area Council

Over the past year the Hastings Area Council has been responsible for monitoring and supporting the daily running of the SVDP shops in Hastings and Flaxmere. We have continued our support of the three Catholic primary and two secondary school in our jurisdiction. This support was provided in the form of uniform grants, donations towards camp and transport costs, as well as funds to augment Teacher Aide wages and classroom programmes and resources.

We have also supported both SVDP National Appeals for Tonga and the Ukraine, by making monetary donations. Twenty-four banana boxes were also packed with clothing from both our shops and dispatched to Auckland for shipment to Tonga.

As part of the Council's outreach programme, our Conferences supported households struggling to provide for their basic needs. This support has been provided through food boxes,

bereavement packages, furniture, kitchenware, bedding and clothing. It has also included financial support to meet electrical, medical expenses, transport and fuel costs.

We have also continued our support of the RSE (Recognised Seasonal Employer) workers in the district by providing them with access to free clothing on arrival as well as giving them \$400 worth of clothing from our two shops to take back to the islands at the end of their season.

At a Conference level, members have continued to take communion to the sick and elderly as well as rest home residents on a weekly basis. Our members also make regular home visits or phone calls offering friendship and support. Others have been involved in the redistribution of donated furniture and household items that have become surplus to requirements. The bulk of these items end up in the shop for sale, but some are held in storage to support struggling households.

**Jim Leogreen** – Area President, Hastings

## Transition Housing in Christchurch

Over the last year the Society completed a major transition housing project in Pavitt Street, Christchurch. Seven apartments were built to house young mothers and their children who are homeless or in unsatisfactory housing circumstances.

The development came to fruition after several years of planning, gaining all the necessary approvals, plus fundraising of \$2.25m. The project was made possible by the generosity of grant funders including the Hoatu Fund, Christchurch City Council (Endowment Fund), the Hugo Trust and Kiwi Foundation. Many others also contributed to achieving this goal for which the Society is extremely grateful.

The Society is partnering with St John of God Hauora Trust (SJGHT) who deliver the HOPE (Housing Opportunities for Parental Enhancement) programme for the parents at Pavitt Street. HOPE supports parents and

families to develop the skills they need to find a permanent housing solution in which they can thrive. It also helps families access wider support services, including parenting education and relationship services.

The Society is seeking further funds to provide more wrap-around services to support the tenants.



# West Coast Area Council

## Westport

St Vincent de Paul once again had a busy year providing assistance in the community.

The July floods were devastating for many in our town. We helped out both financially and materially. After the flood we received a generous donation of new children's clothing from a supporter in Nelson which we passed on to Foster Children Care. They were most grateful and overwhelmed. In July we also provided pajamas and dental care packages to Foster Care for distribution.

We made our usual Christmas donations to our local charities. We received a generous donation of gift vouchers from Foodstuffs S.I. Ltd each month for 12 months. With these vouchers we were able to stock our food bank and donate vouchers to other local social agencies to assist children during the school holidays.

We were the recipients of the Westport Fresh Choice Christmas Tree gifts which we donated to Foster Care for distribution.

We also sent a donation to the Tongan disaster relief fund. The local St John op shop closed and we received a huge donation of clothing. We were able to package up a lot of clothing and forward it to Auckland for shipment to Tonga. We also supported the Ukraine Appeal and the South Auckland with donations.

We made our usual donation to the Rescue Helicopter Trust. We consider this to be vital for our community, especially given the dire situation with our local hospital and ambulance.

The spiritual reflections from Fr Alan Roberts have been much appreciated by our members and have definitely given us food for thought.

## Julie Hands

– West Coast Area President

## Reefton

We support local people with food, petrol, fuel and we help out with power bills. We work closely with *Who Cares*, a charitable organisation which receives funding to provide food parcels. We also support them with extra food items and this year we have given groceries from our offertory collection at Mass to Westport and Greymouth, as there has not been the same demand for food parcels locally.

Some of our members assist as drivers for Meals on Wheels and take people to hospital appointments as the hospital is over 70 kms away.

We have an active Young Vinnies group. The elderly people in our community love to see the Young Vinnies and enjoy their company.

We are a small group. However, people know we exist and call on us for assistance when needed.

## Moira Lockington

– Reefton Conference President



## Greymouth

This year has seen some significant events for SVdP in Greymouth, the major one being our change of premises. The roof of the building we occupied leaked badly, necessitating an urgent re-location as the building owner was not prepared to carry out repairs. We were offered a new shop with large display windows and excellent storage rent-free as a temporary measure until a permanent building is available. This move was so beneficial, as the shop is in the central business area and we receive great custom from both locals and visitors. Our daily income is exceeding expectations and our shop manager works tirelessly to ensure it always looks the best.

A major event hosted this year in conjunction with other charity shops was a “Ball Dress Bonanza”. This gave girls the opportunity to purchase a dress for between \$5 and \$20, plus shoes and accessories at bargain prices. The idea was not so much a fundraiser but to take pressure off families struggling to meet the cost of ball wear. We sold 84 donated dresses on the day.

Each month we have provided assistance with food, petrol vouchers and grocery items to 40 families in the Greymouth area and 8 in the Dobson/Lake Brunner region. We have given a one-off donation to Runanga School and several large donations to countries experiencing severe hardship through war or natural disasters. Our two outreach nuns in Cobden receive monthly donations to assist in their work, and we make sure our priests have funds to help needy people who call on them.

Lastly we make sure we have fun!! We have a social get-together for our 32 wonderful volunteers each quarter and a dress-up Christmas function. These get-togethers are well-attended and enjoyed by all.

### Brenda Brown

– Greymouth Conference President

## Hokitika

We have continued to support the needy people in our district. We helped with food and fuel vouchers, school camp fees and Father Joe’s trip back home to the Philippines. We also supported the Tonga tsunami appeal with funds and 20 boxes of clothing, and we helped the Greymouth SVdP branch with many boxes of clothing for their shop.

Despite the restrictions resulting from Covid, our shop sales were only down for five months of the year. Our staff advised having sales which was great for our turn-over and getting our stock levels down, plus the locals enjoyed a real bargain.

The major project for this financial year is the re-strengthening of our shop up to 67% of the national building standards. All going well, we aim to finish this project before Christmas.

A great team effort was required to move our stock into temporary premises. A big thank-you to our committee and the volunteers who make things happen for our small town of Hokitika with their knowledge, passion and energy.

### Mike Keenan

– Hokitika Conference President



# Manawatu-Whanganui Area Council

Whanganui, Feilding, Dannevirke and Palmerston North have strong Conferences and Foxton is still active but has only three members. All conferences place high priority on spiritual reflections. Fr Alan Roberts' reflections provide the basis for spiritual reflections and are well received.

Conferences support their communities in a range of ways: providing food parcels, clothing and furniture, and assisting with paying power bills, car repairs, school fees and medical/ dental costs.

We have shops in Whanganui, Dannevirke and Palmerston North which provide financial support for our works of charity.

Many Conferences provide breakfasts and lunches at local schools, and deliver unsolicited food parcels to pensioner housing. Palmerston North Conference provides \$100 grocery vouchers to

families who require assistance in lower socio-economic schools, with \$5,000 spent this year. Most Conferences maintain liaison with local schools to identify families who require extra assistance.

Maintaining membership is an ongoing challenge, but most Conferences are holding fairly consistent membership numbers, albeit mostly 60+ years of age.

**Barney O'Connor** – Area President

# Nelson Tasman Area Council

## Members

Over the last year our Area Council has worked to increase the retention and satisfaction of current Conference members by facilitating their engagement with those in need and providing more challenging work. We have also explored ways to recognise and celebrate their commitment to the work of the Society.

All five Nelson Tasman conferences communicate often with new members, and link experience with enthusiasm throughout their meetings, events and the various works they do.

At our Area meeting in December we held a working session on membership and discussed ways to attract new members and encourage them to join the Society. Each Conference committed to gaining one new member by our next meeting in March 2023.

## Our mahi

As an organisation, our goal is to be an authentic, grassroots voice advocating for sustainable living and the care of the

environment. We also aim to support youth action on climate change.

We reflected on Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and climate. We identified this work as linking strongly to our three second-hand shops, which promote recycling and reduce amounts sent to landfill.

In addition to this, we intend to include KPIs on environmental themes and youth membership in the new Youth Coordinator role to be advertised in June.

**Elizabeth Owens** – Area President



“The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle.”

– Pope Francis



# Health & Safety Report

2022 has been a year of two halves for Health and Safety. The start of the year was dominated by COVID, the raising and lowering of safety levels and requirements, the need for nationwide consultation with each change, and managing the issues arising with people who were not able to, or did not want to be vaccinated. As COVID considerations faded, more regular H&S issues came into focus once again.

The challenges for me in becoming the spokesperson for Health and Safety in St Vincent de Paul have been around:

- getting a 100 percent response rate to requests for H&S information. The response rate to the forms has been low, less than 50 percent
- promoting Health and Safety as a genuine aspect of our concern and care for people – and not just a legal requirement to satisfy the law of the land
- diminishing the perspective that somehow Health and Safety is “hard, boring, over-legalistic and about money”
- making Health and Safety reporting an expected agenda item at every SVdP Conference and Area meeting. The Society’s meeting template has Health and Safety on the agenda for every meeting. Area Presidents need to insist that it is actually reported on in every Conference meeting and included in quarterly reports for Area meetings. Meeting minutes should always record something.

It is rarely possible for there to be “nothing to report” under Health and Safety. We would hope there have been no H&S incidents. However, nearly every month it is highly likely there has been a new staff member or volunteer. A first day Health and Safety induction sends a strong message about its importance. There must have been a tidy-up in the shops, the goods re-arranged so they don’t fall down, supplies purchased for the First Aid kit and so on. In Conferences without shops, the “two person visiting rule”, the pointing out of Emergency exits and meeting and event rooms – these are the actions that need to be reported. They may seem insignificant but they show that the organisation pays attention to these details and does what it says – cares about its people and the people they serve.

Area Presidents who completed the quarterly reports showed a high level of awareness of the small actions that make a difference. I was impressed with

the report I received from the Auckland Foodbank operation. Their report shows they are well aware of the risks and what needs to be done to mitigate them.

The Society has great policies and practices, which when executed work well.

In the last quarter of the year the organisation was alerted to the recently-raised awareness of tsunami risk in New Zealand. All Area Presidents were given information about the action required should a tsunami be experienced. Many towns and cities in New Zealand have been given information about the level of danger in their area. The grades are red, orange and yellow. There are still some coastal areas which have not been graded. Area Presidents in those areas have been asked to contact their District Council for updates on this situation.

In 2022, there were just two reported accidents which required treatment by outside agencies. Both were related to falls and both people made a good recovery from their accidents.

In this respect we have been truly blessed. I am always willing to listen and discuss any aspects of Health and Safety with St Vincent de Paul members. Thanks to all of you who have done your bit to keep us safe this year.

“[these things] may seem insignificant but they show that the organisation pays attention to these details and does what it says – cares about its people and the people they serve.”

**Gabrielle Carman**

Health and Safety Committee Chair,  
December 2022



“Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters. What matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated.” – Pope Francis





## Vinnies ready with aid for Tonga



The New Zealand St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) responded swiftly to the devastating volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga with two 20-foot containers of urgently needed materials.

The January 2022 eruption destroyed the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai volcanic island to the north of the Tongan capital Nuku’alofa. More than four-fifths of the Tongan population was affected by the subsequent tsunami and falling ash.

SVDP immediately launched an appeal to its members to put together the material aid requested by the Society in Tonga, says Arthur Schultze, the Society’s liaison person with Tonga and Oceania. Under the Society’s ‘twinning’ arrangements, the Society in New Zealand is partnered with Tonga and provides support as a donor country.

“The need in Tonga was very great,” says Arthur. “The biggest challenge initially was dealing with the volcanic ash which had a huge impact on the drinking water. They had a deep spring from which they could draw bottled water and that was used full-on. Plus emergency water supplies were brought in from the Australian and New Zealand Governments.

“There were many families who came to the main island Tongatapu from the outlying islands which were worst hit. The Society in Tonga supported these displaced people, along with other agencies.”

Arthur Schultze said a real strength of the Society’s aid effort was that it was meeting needs identified by the Society on the ground in Tonga. Aid provided included water bottles, water filters, face masks, water blasters, protective eyewear, wheelbarrows, blankets, clothing, chainsaws, hoses, gloves, gumboots, safety boots and batteries.

The first 20-ft container was loaded from the Society’s hub in Onehunga and was dispatched from Auckland direct to Nukualofa in mid-February. A second container-load was sent in March.

“We have a strong relationships with the Society in Tonga,” says Arthur. “They have a great crew on the ground and the support we were able to provide made a real difference.”



# Supporting Depaul Ukraine



Along with other donor countries, New Zealand has been contributing to the Fund for International Solidarity (F.I.S) which has supported the Society's activity in Ukraine and the bordering member countries. The aid process is approved by the Commission for International Aid and Development (C.I.A.D)

This aid has included assisting those who have remained in Ukraine, especially those near the war zone, the misplaced and refugees who have chosen to leave the country. The surrounding countries have provided accommodation, medical, food, transport and education assistance. Some of the member countries have also continued to take aid into war zone areas.

Some of the reports we have received:

## Romania: Where there's a will, there's a way.

"While never reckless, Vincentians are prepared to take risks. When the roads were too dangerous to travel, we used the rail network. When we heard that aid was starting to get through to the cities, but the people in villages had nothing, we helped set up more than 40 rural and suburban food distribution points. When we learned that the elderly and disabled were still living in bombed out buildings and unable to access food, we began using volunteer cyclists to reach them and now provide a lifeline to more than 700 people a day. When lifesaving medical supplies were needed, but other agencies couldn't deliver them, we provided transport for 12,000 tourniquets and 5,000 medical kits. If people have no electricity, we provide food that doesn't need to be cooked."

## DePaul International: Looking to the future

"While the war continues, the need for humanitarian aid will continue to grow, and even sustaining our current levels of 80-100 tonnes per week will be no mean feat. But we are also starting to plan what comes next.

We know that people will need significant help to deal with the effects of trauma, financial and practical support for those who have lost their homes, help with employment and benefits, legal assistance for those who have lost all their identity documents, and so much more. We have over 30 years' experience of helping people with all these challenges and are well-placed to deliver this support, but we are going to need all the financial help we can get."

## Relief Day Centre opened in Kyiv

Depaul International has opened a new Day Centre in Kyiv. The day centre is a key part of Depaul's work across the capital. Not only does it serve as a hub for the distribution of food and hygiene items, it also supports thousands to keep warm as winter temperatures drop. The centre provides grants for home repairs, financial and practical support for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed, and legal assistance for those who have lost identity documents. The day centre also offers specialised psychological support and counselling to children and their caregivers.

Our Kyiv Vincentians try to help re-organize living conditions and survival in the near-by Kyiv neighbourhood.

Additional day centres have also been opened in Odessa and Kharkiv, enabling the Society to support significant numbers of people whose lives have been turned upside down by the war.



# Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand

## Summary Financial Statements

### Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
Revenue from sale of goods	7,799,972	9,415,844
Revenue from fundraising activities	7,091,097	3,148,056
Other revenue	530,448	847,611
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>15,421,517</b>	<b>13,411,510</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Wages, salaries and other employee costs	5,122,493	4,668,344
Shops operating expenses	2,999,558	2,927,097
Overhead and administration expenses	1,642,021	1,508,807
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>9,764,073</b>	<b>9,104,249</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>5,657,445</b>	<b>4,307,262</b>
Surplus/(deficit) from investing activities	(17,955)	106,479
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE PROVISION POVERTY RELIEF</b>	<b>5,639,489</b>	<b>4,413,741</b>
Direct costs related to the provision of poverty relief	3,920,377	3,547,389
<b>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,719,112</b>	<b>866,351</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>		
Revaluation of land and buildings	3,514,194	5,697,649
<b>Total other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>3,514,194</b>	<b>5,697,649</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>5,233,306</b>	<b>6,564,000</b>

### Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current	10,815,381	11,192,279
Non-current	34,970,201	28,910,021
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>45,785,582</b>	<b>40,102,300</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current	1,323,081	873,106
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,323,081</b>	<b>873,106</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>44,462,500</b>	<b>39,229,194</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated funds	10,159,687	10,998,030
Other equity reserves	34,302,813	28,231,164
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>44,462,500</b>	<b>39,229,194</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Opening balance	10,998,030	15,556,521
Prior period adjustment	-	94,046
Transfer from/(to) other equity reserves	-	(5,715,846)
Amended opening balance	10,998,030	9,934,721
Surplus/deficit) for the year	1,719,112	866,351
Transfer from/(to) other equity reserves	(2,557,455)	196,957
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>10,159,687</b>	<b>10,998,030</b>
<b>Other equity reserves</b>		
Opening balance	28,231,164	17,014,626
Prior period adjustment	-	5,715,846
Amended opening balance	28,231,164	22,730,472
Revaluation of land and buildings	3,514,194	5,697,649
Transfer from/(to) accumulated funds	2,557,455	(196,957)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>34,302,813</b>	<b>28,231,164</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>44,462,500</b>	<b>39,229,194</b>

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	1,280,894	1,001,902
Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	(1,965,021)	436,502
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(684,127)	1,438,404
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	9,052,835	7,614,431
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>8,368,709</b>	<b>9,052,835</b>

The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full annual financial statements of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand for the year ended 30 June 2022. The full annual financial statements are available via the Society's website - [www.svdnp.org.nz](http://www.svdnp.org.nz).

The summary financial statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements.

## Advertising Campaign 2022

# ‘The Work goes on’

In 2022 The Society developed a fresh advertising campaign around the theme of ‘The work goes on - help us to keep responding’.

The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness of the need for people to keep supporting others, even though the first wave of COVID has receded. COVID remained an ongoing reality in the community, disrupting lives of families and friends, employment and many of the regular community services that people depend on.

In addition to COVID, the last year has seen a rapidly rising cost of living and the winding down of Government support associated with the pandemic. For the foreseeable future, it is very likely the need will be even greater. It is no time for ‘compassion fatigue’.

The advertisements focus on the need for people to continue to reach out to others. They include a direct appeal for financial support, with bank account details so people can respond immediately.

The advertisements have been running predominantly in Catholic media but also in targeted media such as LawTalk. A photoshoot was organised to provide photos for the advertising campaign and for general communications use. This pool of new photos shows Vinnies workers in action in a range of different situations.

The advertising campaign was supported with regular editorial in Catholic print and online media showing the work of the Vinnies on the ground. These stories received prominent coverage in targeted media, helping the Society to keep a high profile among supporters and donors.



## Covid-19 is a long war Help us to keep responding

First there was Covid-19. Now there is also a sharp rise in the cost of living to contend with. Please help Vinnies to keep responding with practical help for people suffering severe hardship.

**You can make a donation to our bank account:**

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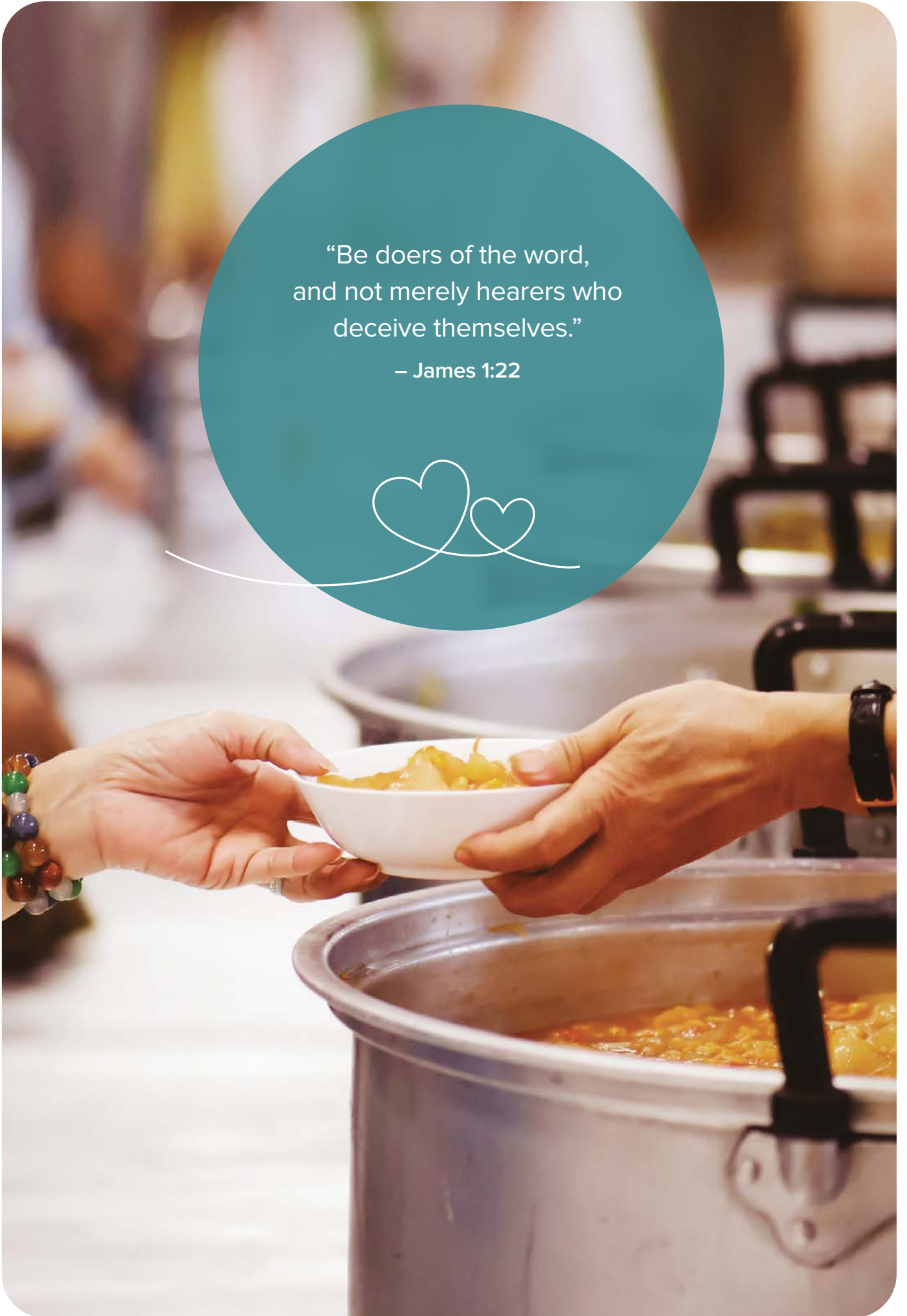
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