

St Vincent de Paul Society
Wellington Area Council
People Helping People

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Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

July 2010 – June 2011

Significant Events

Khandallah offered a perfect opportunity to establish another Vinnies Shop.



The official opening and blessing took place in August 2010.

Our Annual Street Day appeal in June was again well supported and despite wet and cold conditions, the total exceeded last year's collection. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Staff training days were held every two months, bringing together the shop managers, social worker, van driver and food bank coordinator/ receptionist to ensure a shared understanding of our work.

Support was provided to Christchurch earthquake victims and included financial support, food, clothing and furniture to families resettling in Wellington, and our prayers.

Total welfare support costs went up by 44% against the previous year.

2,171 people were given a hand up with food parcels, clothing, furniture, household goods, accommodation, advocacy and other forms of support.

The Board approved the development of a new data base to support the work being done with our clients, many of who are the most vulnerable in our city. Work began on scoping and investigating an appropriate system which will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our welfare services.

Conference members, some of our staff and members of our volunteer team joined together to celebrate the feasts of The Annunciation, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and St Vincent de Paul.

Two Book Fairs during the year were a new fund raising venture. They were well supported by members of the public and provided additional funding to support our welfare work.

Altar Bread Department

Altar breads for churches throughout New Zealand and overseas are made at Ozanam House by people with an intellectual disability. During the year 14 people were employed on piece meal contracts under the supervision of an IDEA Services employee. Staff did an excellent job of meeting the demands of the job and celebratory morning teas were held when targets were achieved.



Morning tea

For the fourth year in a row we have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Wellington City Council health inspector. Staff are very proud of this achievement.

Vona Edwards
Altar Breads supervisor

English As a Second Language

Every Tuesday 15 to 20 people from all walks life meet together at Ozanam House to laugh, sing, go on trips – and speak English. For most, it is the only time in the week they can practice English, and for many, it is the only social contact they have outside their own families.

Lessons range from how to make an appointment or talk to the doctor, to sharing stories, songs and food from different cultures. Highlights from the year include visiting Te Papa to look at Maori culture during Matariki, a simulated earthquake and what to do during an emergency, and following a recipe to make a cake (and eating it).

Some students speak no English but learn to have a short conversation – a major achievement when learning a foreign language at 75. About half the class are from refugee backgrounds, or are eligible for other government assistance which, because of their lack of English, they are unaware of or unable to access. By attending the ESOL class, these needs can be assessed and appropriate support offered.

Kathryn Graham
ESOL teacher



Some of our ESOL students

President's Report to AGM 2011

It is a pleasure to report on the Society's 2011 activities in the Wellington Area.

- **In excess of \$175,000 spent Special Works**
- **Shop sales increased by \$200,000**
- **Another successful Street Day Appeal**

Welfare Support

Funding was provided to Home of Compassion's Soup Kitchen, Wellington Night Shelter, Pregnancy Assistance, English and Tai Chi Classes and a significant level of Welfare Support at the Newtown Centre including furniture, clothing and food parcels. Funding was also provided to our Wellington Conferences to assist financially with their Parish based welfare activities and to Christchurch Earthquakes appeals. Twinning commitments continued to special Sri Lankan Appeal, Tokelau Young Adult Education Appeal and St Vincent de Paul Society New Zealand National Council.

Altar Breads employed 14 people in a sheltered workshop environment and achieved another productive year. This operation is again under review as we work through the impact of lower Parish sales to achieve a satisfactory compromise enabling the continuance of this Special Work.

Our Social Worker supported a record number of individuals and families. The Pregnancy Assistance service assisted increasing number of pregnant women and new mothers and their babies.

Conference Activities

Conference membership is of concern and steps were taken to address the issue with Parish presentations and the direct approach with some success from Conference members within their Parishes. Newtown Conference went into recess during the year.

Secondary School Conferences celebrated their annual Mass and social event in August hosted by St Mary's College, Thorndon at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. 120 youth members and families took part. Thanks to Anne D'Souza and the College DRS personnel for their efforts in co-ordinating the occasion, particularly Kate Lucas and Judy Houlihan from St Mary's College and Fr. Paul Martin the celebrant and Principal of St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie.

The annual Street Day appeal in June was well supported by members and volunteers including students from the Wellington based colleges. The Colleges also contributed funds and goods for use in our Conferences and welfare centre, as well as assisted with the NewsTalk ZB food appeals at Kilbirnie Pak'N Save during the year. Thank you.

Three Festival Meetings were held during the year. I would like to thank Fr. Frank Maquire, our Spiritual Director for celebrating Mass on these occasions and John Rossbotham for organising the social functions.

Area Council Activities

Vinnies shops in Miramar, Newtown, Island Bay, Johnsonville and Khandallah performed well and provided a significant increase in funds to support Welfare activities. We appreciate the donated goods we receive and are

pleased that our five Retail locations are well stocked with good quality second hand clothing, furniture and household items. My thanks to Mike East for his work as Vinnies Shop supervisor to optimise presentation across the shops.

A Regional Spiritual Day held at Plimmerton for Wellington, Lower Hutt/Masterton and Kapi Mana Conferences was well attended. My thanks to Fr. Frank Maquire for leading the proceedings. A special thanks to the Kapi Mana Area Council and to the Plimmerton Conference for their organisation and hospitality.

The Home Services Support project was utilised by Conferences to help older people and people with disabilities stay in their own homes. We appreciate the ongoing support of parishes with clothing bins, which continue to be a valuable source of good quality clothing. The Wellington Catholic Homes Trust continued to develop its facilities at the Berhampore Rest Home and Hospital and has resumed evaluations for the extension of its Retirement Village at Waikanae.

Financial Results

Operational expenses were 93% of budget and were funded from cash-flow. The final result from all operations was a surplus of \$1,000 for 2010/11 after adjusting for Depreciation, Other Income and providing for Welfare expenditure.

The Street Day Appeal achieved a collection value of \$11,650. Other Income was received from St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie and St Mary's College in Thorndon, the Book Fair and various private donors.

My thanks to Jim Cahill for conduct monthly internal reviews of financial processes and operations and for recommending additional procedures to the controls over Fixed Assets and Depreciation.

My thanks also to all Council members for their support over the past year and in particular Fr. Frank Maquire our Spiritual Director, the Manager/Secretary John Rossbotham for managing the Society's operations in Wellington and for his secretarial services to the Council. Thanks also to the staffs of our shops, distribution centre and Ozanam Centre operations, and to all volunteers who assisted with our Area Council and Conference activities during the past year.

Looking Ahead

Increasing Conference membership will continue to be a focus through this year based on programs available from National Office for Conference implementation in their Parishes coupled with direct approaches from Conference members. This will include efforts to expand our auxiliary membership and volunteers, who assist on special occasions or focus on specific tasks. We plan to continue to publicise the work of the Society in our Wellington Parishes and the wider Wellington community. In summary, the Council is well positioned to provide support to our Conferences and Special Works in the year ahead.

Mike Keenan
President



Social Work July 2010-June 2011 a Year of Triumph!

The Society's social work objective over the last financial year has been to meet all the needs of people coming for help. I have worked hard with the support of Vic to be able to evaluate and improve the services we offer our community and raise the standards to which we aspire for service provision. Client numbers have steadily grown in response to this, alongside our reputation as a reliable and professional organisation with other social services in Wellington. Our Ministry of Social Development audit acknowledged this work when the auditor recommended we be elevated to family support category rather than our previous budgeting classification. This opens a wider funding bracket to our organisation as well as providing some recognition of the hard yards invested in providing a more comprehensive social work service.

External relationships have been vital to our growing social work base. While we are now part of all relevant interagency networks, one relationship in particular stands out. The excellent social worker from Newtown Union Health has been an invaluable source of support and referrals as well as an excellent example of cooperative social work between agencies as we share some complex cases.

NUH manager Peter Barnett stated In December 2010 "St Vincent de Paul's social work services have developed extensively throughout the year and the role they play in providing strong local welfare services is now a crucial one"

The upcoming year 2011/12 holds still more opportunities for development for the social work service. A new database system, brochures and continually growing client base all point to a service which will only continue to improve and gain recognition. We will continue to utilise the feedback of clients to tailor our social work services to the particular needs of our community, never forgetting that we strive for social justice in all of our activities.



Heoi Ano,
Amy Ross

Pregnancy Assistance Now Offers Free Bassinet Loan

As well as baby clothes, bedding and cloth nappies, mothers can now access bassinets, free of charge through our Pregnancy Assistance service. We are working with a Porirua agency to provide the bassinets on loan in the Wellington Area. The bassinets are bought new by the agency and are available on loan for a four month period from our Newtown premises.



We are located on the mezzanine floor of Ozanam House. During the year we were able to finish renovations and now have a new wall, doors, shelving, a fresh coat of paint, and varnished wooden floors. It has taken a while to get everything back in order, but just look at the results...

Frances O'Brien,
Pregnancy Assistance Coordinator

Vinnies Shops

After some initial misgivings from the locals who thought the **Khandallah** shop should not be in their village, it has proven to be very successful. **Johnsonville** shop was reorganised during the year and there has been positive feedback from customers to the changes. Marlin has managed **Island Bay** shop during the year and she has it running smoothly. Imelda managed our **Miramar** shop well and say's she'll miss the Postbank next door when it closes. Emily provides excellent service to our clients in our **Newtown** shop.

Shops continue to be a source of referral for people in need of Conference help, food parcels and social worker assistance and for pregnant women and new mothers who are referred to our Pregnancy Assistance service.

Mike East
Vinnies Shop Supervisor

Benefactors, Donors and Supporters

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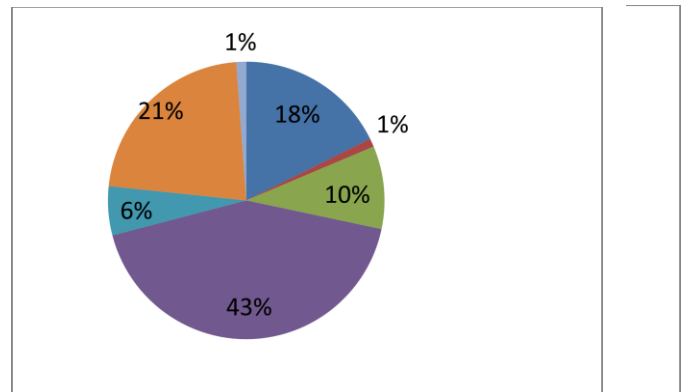
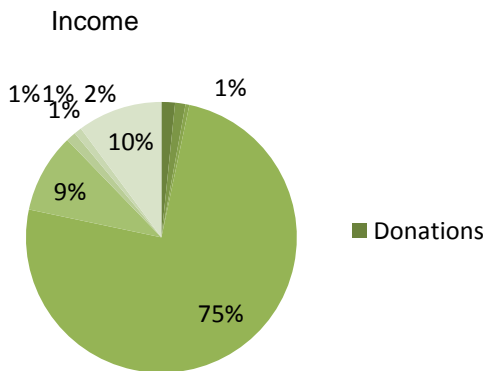
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Loving Jesus, you promised a heavenly kingdom to those who by faith do works of mercy in your name. We pray fervently that you remember those who have supported the work of the Society with their time, their money and their prayers and that you grant them your blessings.

Financial Results

Income			Expenditure		
2%	Donations	16,076	18%	Welfare	175,255
1%	Interest	12,304	1%	Promotions	9,600
1%	Rag Sales	4,550	10%	Altar Breads	95,891
75%	Vinnies Shops	744,138	43%	Vinnies Shops	422,546
9%	Altar Bread Sales	93,897	6%	Warehousing	56,562
1%	Street Day Appeal	11,651	21%	Administration	220,094
1%	Contracted Income	9,160	1%	Bank Charges & Audit Fees	11,437
10%	Grants, Legacies & other	100,588			
		\$ 992,364			\$ 991,385

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