

Toronto Central Council

Board Committee – Annual Report 2009

Shelter Committee

Committee Name & Mandate:

Shelter Committee

Mandate: To oversee the operational and financial management of the Society's emergency and longer term shelter programs for women Amelie House, Elisa House, Mary's Home and St. Clare's Residence.

Committee Members:

Jeannie Day, Chair

Sr. Roberta Freeman, Fran Murphy, Cecilia Gallivan

Eyitayo Dada, Director Amelie House

Judith Kerr, Director Elisa House

Bolanle Oluwole-Rotimi, Director Mary's Home

Carolyn Young, Director St. Clare's Residence

Louise Coutu, Executive Director

Successes/Progress in the Past Year:

- Participated in a City of Toronto Pilot Program designed to streamline funding
- Maintained consistent occupancy in all programs
- Achieved high results in Quality Assurance standards
- Increased effectiveness of continued to support to women leaving the shelter system and achieving independent housing
- Participation in Federally sponsored housing connection program for women seeking independent housing
- Capital upgrades at St. Clare's Residence and Mary's Home with the replacement of roofs, as well as continuing with effective preventative and on going maintenance plans to ensure the conditions of the buildings.

Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:

- Expand the program facility for Elisa House to provide increased living space for the residents
- Develop effective opportunities for meaningful volunteer involvement in all programs
- Continue to ensure good community relations

Longer Term Goals:

- To ensure that the programs remain viable and effective responding to the needs of residents and their presenting issues.
- Increase funding opportunities that provide for support for resident needs.

Comments:

Due to the talented commitment of the managers and staff, the residents continue to be served in a manner which reflects the Society's mission to those in need.

Submitted by: Jeannie Day Chairperson

Date: September 2009

Board Committee – Annual Report 2009 Prison Apostolate and Court Services

Committee Name & Mandate:

Prison Apostolate and Court Services

To provide Vincentian support to the incarcerated and those awaiting trial.

Committee Members:

Frank Boscarol, Chairperson

4 Vincentians from Prison Apostolate visitation

7 Vincentians from Court Services program

Successes/Progress in the Past Year:

- reached an amicable agreement regarding the shared office space at Old City in the Court Services office
- maintained a consistent schedule of visitation in both programs
- provided clothing and personal needs through court services to accused who have been discharged at trial
- provided Bibles and reading material to the incarcerated

Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:

- Seek out alternatives to replace funding previously attained through the diversion program that has since been cancelled
- Increase Vincentian membership in both areas of service
- Continue to develop harmonious working relationships with court officers and others from correctional services.

Longer Term Goals:

Reintroduce our presence in various prison facilities as opportunity provides and welcome more Vincentian members.

Submitted by: Frank Boscarol, Chairperson

Date: September 2009

Toronto Central Council Board Committee – Annual Report 2009 Stores Committee

Committee Name & Mandate:

Stores' Committee: *"The Stores' Division endeavours to integrate the benevolent assistance provided by Vincentians, local parishes and community volunteers in meeting the needs of justice and charity in the community."*

Committee Members:

Al Kneider (chair)
Patrick Jordan
Vincent Tremblay
Louise Coutu

Successes/Progress in the Past Year:

The Stores' Committee has been successful in renegotiating our relationship with Goodwill Industries during the 2008-2009 year to insure the availability of their stores for the redemption of the vouchers distributed by our Conferences. In addition, we continue to see great success with our "beds and table" program in servicing more and more clients identified by the Conferences. Our three stores continue to service the needs of their immediate communities as well as our voucher customers. At the same time, the donations we have received from Bundle Week-Ends have remained relatively constant with an improvement in the quality of the goods received. We are constantly seeking new avenues for the distribution of these goods to allow us to be of further service to Vincentians who have continued their exceptional efforts in providing us with this supply.

Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:

Our objective for the year 2009-2010 continues to be focused on the relationship with Goodwill Industries to insure a ready supply of goods for the clients of the Conferences. In addition, we hope to seek out the possibility of alternative suppliers with available retail outlets that may provide easier access to some of our voucher customers. To insure the continued works of the Stores' Division, the Committee hopes to be able to identify additional sources for the goods we collect through the concerted efforts of the Conferences.

Longer Term Goals:

The longer term goals of the Stores' Division will concentrate on the process required to balance the receipt of the goods we receive to insure that we are always able to meet the needs of our clients through the redemption of their vouchers. We shall continue to examine the image of the Stores' Committee as essentially a marketing function of the Society rather than one that has been defined as purely retail. We, as always, realize that the collection of goods through the Bundle Week-Ends held by Vincentians represents the basis on which the Stores' Division operates and fulfills its mandate of service to those in need.

Comments:

The Stores' Committee meets twice per year or on an "as need" basis since all of the functions coming under the jurisdiction of the Stores' Division are very efficiently administered by our Manager of Stores and the Executive Director.

Submitted by: Al Kneider, Chairperson

Date: September, 2009

Twining Committee

Committee Name: *Twining*

Mandate: Twining is the sharing of the Society's resources with other conferences. It is a special work of the Society, an activity of fraternal union and sharing, with which we are able to make a difference to our twinned brothers and sisters in their country, and fulfill our spiritual yearning to share with the poor by obtaining as many twins as possible.

Committee Members:

Ninian Prabhu Chairperson

Ralph Thomson

Joe Dus

Alex Remedios

Successes/Progress in the Past Year:

- TCC has four new twins
- Continued emphasis on pushing for PC to PC twinning
- Reports were mailed directly from National to Twin Conferences
- Created a new template to be used for twinning communication
- Improved communication with Regional and National

Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:

- Continue to push for more PC's to Twin
- Plan to merge Twining with Spirituality Committee for increased focus and membership
- Add another twin to TCC

Longer Term Goals:

- Have a twinning representative for every PC and conference within two years.

Comments:

We have lost two members Joe Dus (left for personal reasons), Ralph Thomson (moved to Vancouver) and are looking for new members. Interested individuals please call or e-mail Ninian Prabhu @ 905-270-4919 or ndprabhu@hotmail.com

Submitted by: Ninian Prabhu, Chairperson

Date: September 2009