



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Toronto Central Council
240 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1Z2

Composed of:

November 8, 2011

Re: Toronto Community Housing – sale of scattered housing:
A residential based recovery program having served 6,740 men and women will be lost

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has partnered with the City of Toronto since 1975 in providing a stable community environment for individuals who are in addiction recovery through our VincenPaul Community Homes program. Currently, the Society operates 14 Community Homes in the City of Toronto. Three of these homes are owned by the Society, and 11 are rented from TCHC providing a total of 86 beds. The Society manages the program, assists in keeping the homes in good repair and is committed to being good neighbours. The homes are located in wards 13, 17, 18, 19, 28, 30, and 32.

Eligible residents may stay for a period of 6 to 8 months upon completion of a recognized treatment program; they are mentored by a senior resident in recovery. Through this partnership we have served thousands of people who have had the courage to make this profound change in their lives.

We have the privilege of knowing how vital this program is for those in recovery and have experienced a positive relationship with the City for over 27 years. As operators of several types of supportive housing initiatives, the Society has learned how important it is to have the appropriate kind of housing in order to best serve the specific needs of the residents. For people in recovery, a stable, safe, secure residential home that eases integration with the surrounding community is the best environment.

This recovery program would be decimated with the loss of these homes. We are asking for an exemption on the sale of these 11 properties as the value of this on-going program to the whole community far outweighs the one time financial gain the sales would garner.

Sincerely,

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