



## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Halton Particular Council

### Halton Peel Dental Association Donation Update 2019

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A sincere thank you to the Halton Peel Dental Association for supporting the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Halton in moving forward with their initiative to alleviate dental suffering among the families we serve.

We are grateful to the many dental professionals who have assisted us by reducing the amount they have charged for certain treatments. We have built relationships with local dentists and in all cases we have dealt with, we have ensured that the Region of Halton has been engaged to make sure funds available through their dental programs are utilised to the full where available.

We have deployed the \$10,000 donation in a variety of different ways and as each case is so unique, we will provide some statistics to demonstrate how the money has been spent making a lasting impact:

- 16 dental professionals engaged in helping families of low financial means
- 19 people provided with dental care that otherwise might have been out of financial reach
- 10 people provided with hygienist's appointments
- 2 people with new dentures
- 5 fillings of varying sizes and 1 root canal with a crown
- 1 provision of significant sedation for major dental treatment
- Supplied numerous x-rays accompanying assessments done prior to treatment.
- 2 cases of orthodontic treatment support for part of full treatments that have become financially unmanageable.
- One ongoing case of extractions, removal and repair of failing bridge with fitting of partial denture.

We have been able to repair broken teeth, broken self-esteem and broken smiles with the funds but above all, the continued work supported by HPDA has alleviated dental suffering

which has in turn led to increased self-confidence and self-esteem, enhanced health and removal of painful eating on only one side of the mouth which has become the norm for so many people we know.

The families served have varied but all are vulnerable and in need of caring support. A Venezuelan family new to the country, a Syrian family battling to build their roots in an unfamiliar place, those who have lost employment and benefits and those on social assistance while they search for work are a few of the families we have been working with. Some are young moms with children, and some older single adults, with individual struggles putting this dental self-care off their immediate priority list.

We thank you for your confidence in our Society and look forward to working with you in the future as we continue our focus on the dental care of the families we serve in Halton.

Judith Nunn, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Halton Particular Council President