



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Chez Vincent Thrift Store Needs List as of January 14th, 2026

The Steering Committee in charge of opening the new Chez Vincent thrift store in Kelowna requires the following assistance:

- Spread the word among your friends, families, and especially fellow parishioners that we are in search of a store location comprising about 2,000 to 4,000 sq. ft. A central location with ample parking and good exposure at a fair price are key requirements.

There are very few locations on the market right now so perhaps your contacts have some retail or commercial space that they are not using or are planning to rent out this spring. This could include standard retail space, centrally located commercial/warehouse space, or even bare land for storage.

- We will be purchasing up to two 20' storage containers (sea cans) soon and are in need of a place to store them that is central and has easy access. If necessary, we will pay a monthly storage fee. This could apply to a large residential lot in a semi-rural area.

Ask all those who wish to donate their goods now, to please **hold** them until a storage facility is set up.

- We currently have three Founders and ask that you share this opportunity among your network of contacts, especially business owners and those looking to create a personal long-lasting legacy to help answer the ***Cry of the Poor*** in our community. See more information below for individuals and there is a separate package for businesses and Corporate sponsorships.
- Part-time volunteer to complete grant money applications on behalf of the Okanagan Valley Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

- Team Leader to manage our storage container(s). Collecting, sorting and storing donations. Keep storage facility clean, secure and presentable. (position filled)
- Team Leader to recruit and create a list of volunteers who will eventually work various shifts in the store once opened.
- Team Leader to coordinate construction of leasehold improvements and ongoing maintenance. This may be a tradesperson or a handy man/women capable in doing painting, wall framing, drywalling, simple cabinet making, light electrical and plumbing.
- Person with graphic design experience to help create marketing materials and assist with website development.
- Ask all those who wish to donate their goods now to please **hold** them until a storage facility is located.
- We will eventually employ a full-time Store Manager so keep your eyes out for qualified candidates, especially those who support SSVP values and objectives. Job description and salary are in progress.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact:

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Kelowna “Chez Vincent” Thrift Store

“The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor” Fundraising Initiative

This is a special invitation to become one of the Founders of the first SSVP thrift store in the Okanagan Valley. The benefits include:

- A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help establish the first “Chez Vincent” (Home of Vincent) thrift store and meeting place in Kelowna.
- Supporting efforts to feed the poor through food hampers.
- Helping house the needy through Invincible Housing.
- Supporting men’s addiction recovery through the Ozanam Recovery House.
- Contributing to a 100% charitable thrift store that reinvests all income into helping those in need locally.
- Helping educate the community about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and encouraging new members.
- Reducing environmental waste by diverting materials from landfills.
- Experiencing the happiness and sense of purpose that comes from giving.
- Creating a legacy for yourself and your family.
- Having your name engraved on a permanent recognition plaque on the new building.
- Receiving a personal recognition plaque for your home.
- Funding essential start-up costs such as leasehold improvements, signage, display racking, working capital, insurance, and retail systems.
- Receiving a tax receipt for your \$25,000 donation, resulting in an estimated \$11,500 income-tax savings for BC residents.

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