

CHEZ VINCENT UPDATE

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are excited to introduce our new store manager, **Maggie**. Maggie comes to us with a background in thrift store management. We are looking forward to learning more about how to really run a business.

We are in the midst of construction renovations so please continue to hold on to those precious donations for a few more weeks. We will have dates soon and exact location.

As we prepare to open **Chez Vincent Thrift Store in Kelowna**, we are beginning to build the inventory that will fill our shelves and help make our new store a success.

We are looking for clean, gently used, good-quality items that are ready to be enjoyed by a new owner. Every item donated to Chez Vincent helps support the work and mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our community.

Donations We Are Looking For:

Clothing & Accessories - Fall & Winter

- Women's & Men's
- Footwear
- Handbags & purses
- Belts, scarves
- Winter coats, boots, hats and gloves
- Jewelry, stands and boxes

Housewares & Kitchen

- Dishes, glassware and mugs
- Pots, pans and bakeware
- Cutlery and kitchen utensils
- Small kitchen appliances, kettles, coffee makers, toasters, etc.
- Serving dishes and decorative kitchen items

Home Décor & Other

- Pictures, artwork and frames
- Lamps in working condition
- Vases, baskets and decorative items
- Velvet non slip hangers
- Seasonal and holiday décor (Halloween and Christmas)
- Small household furnishings
- Indoor house plants

- Plant pots
- Antiques & Collectables
- Fans, heaters
- Flat Screen TV's
- Hair accessories, curling irons, blow dryers, etc.
- New unopened beauty products
- New unopened toiletries, shampoos, toothbrushes and paste, lotions, perfumes. etc.
- Backpacks, computer bags, suitcases

Linens

- Towels
- Blankets and throws
- Comforters and quilts
- Sheets, pillow cases
- Tablecloths and other household linens
- Pillows

Books, Games & Miscellaneous

- Books, novels, special interest (please no course books)
- Puzzles and board games with all pieces
- Computer games
- Craft and hobby supplies, yarn, sewing, scrapbooking, etc.
- Office supplies
- Greeting cards, party supplies
- Pet supplies
- Electronics, speakers, bluetooth items, headphones, computer monitor, etc.
- Tools
- Fishing & camping supplies (in season)
- Musical instruments, music memorabilia, band t-shirts

What Does “Donation Ready” Mean?

“Would I feel comfortable giving this item to a friend or family member?”

"Would I purchase this item from a thrift store?"

"Are All cords in good shape? Good working order?"

If the answer is yes, we would be happy to receive it!

Please ensure donations are:

- Clean and freshly laundered, where appropriate

- Free from stains, tears, excessive wear, pet hair and strong odours
- Complete, with no missing or broken pieces, In good working condition
- Safe and suitable for resale, In season where possible

Please do not donate items that are broken, heavily worn, stained, soiled, mouldy or otherwise unsuitable for resale. Disposing of unusable donations creates an additional cost for the Society and takes resources away from our mission.

As we are starting an entirely new thrift store from empty shelves, we need a little bit of everything!

This is a wonderful time to look through your closets, cupboards, bookshelves and storage areas for quality items you no longer use. Your donations will help us create a welcoming, affordable community thrift store while supporting the important work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

As a general rule, we will not have a children's section in the store (clothing). We will have a section of books and games for kids. If you would like to donate children's items, we will love to have them to include in our Christmas shopping inventory and for an annual sale at Spring break/Easter.

Please note: due to strict regulations regarding children's items, we can not accept cribs, strollers, car seats or bike helmets.

Donations of gift cards, non perishable food items and cash are also gratefully accepted to support ongoing SSVP programs.

There are a few items we need for instore use:

Colour printer, Clothing steamer, Small microwave, Small fridge, Water cooler

Small table and chairs, Reusable shopping bags, Plain packing paper, tissue paper, bubble wrap

Step stool, Tools

We are all very excited to see this project come to life and can't wait to open our doors. Thank you for helping us give good things a second life and for supporting the launch of Chez Vincent Kelowna.