

THE SOCIETY'S THRIFT STORES

- The Society has four stores to serve you throughout Greater Victoria and one located in Courtenay.
- Each store recycles your donated items for reuse in the community.
- At economical prices, each store sells a whole range of items, such as:
 - ladies, men, and children's wear,
 - used and re-upholstered furniture,
 - books, magazines, and music cassettes and albums,
 - shoes, small appliances, toys, collectibles, and linen,
 - craft supplies, bulk buttons, etc.
- Each store has its own style and approach which provides you with a diversity of shopping experiences. You will see people with special needs assisting in our Yates Street, Langford and Courtenay Stores, and at our distribution centre.
- Through your generous donations, our Store staff are able to provide household goods for free to those in need.
- The stores also process vouchers given to the needy by the Social Concern Office staff and the Home Visitors of the Society.

STORE LOCATIONS

Victoria Store

- The Victoria store has been located in a number of areas downtown over the past 40 years. After 27 years on View Street, the store is now moved into its new location at **833 Yates Street**.

Langford Store

- The Langford store was started in 1982. Originally located in the Westbrook Shopping Centre, the store is now located at **2784 Claude Road**.

Sidney Store

- The Sidney store, located at **9788B Second Street**, was established in 1987. In 2001, the store underwent expansion to provide more accessibility for the customers.

Sooke Store

- Initiated in April 1993, the Sooke store is located at **6750 West Coast Road**.

Courtenay Store

- The Courtenay Store was started in 1998 and moved to its current location at **2703B Kilpatrick Avenue** in 2000. The store receives its own donations of used goods

DONATIONS

Donations of clothing and furniture or any resellable items that help us assist those in need are gratefully accepted. For pick-up in Victoria please call Dispatch at 727-0808; in Courtenay please call 338-4845.

STORE SUPPORT SERVICES

- In order to distribute, sell goods and provide for the needy, the Society prepares all the donated items at the Frederic Ozanam Centre. The following departments are responsible for the preparation work.

Dispatch and Transport

- All incoming calls for pick-ups and deliveries are co-ordinated in the dispatch office.
- Our drivers and swampers are the people you most likely meet because they visit your homes when you donate goods to the Society.

Sorting

- The sorting department divides donated clothing, miscellaneous items, appliances and books for recycle.
- Items are cleaned and packed before being sent to the stores for pricing.

Upholstery

Custom furniture refinishing can be arranged by phoning 727-0808.

STORE SUPPORT SERVICES

Appliances

- Small working appliances such as lamps, radios, toasters, kettles, televisions, stereos, computers and many other items are sent to our appliance shop for testing and cleaning.
- Due to high repair costs, large appliances are not accepted.

Recycling

- We sell rags to local garages and the rest of our unusable clothing is recycled.
- We do not accept paint, petroleum products or other toxic materials. Please refer to the Capital Regional District for disposal of these items. Some other items are not accepted. Please call our Dispatch Office (727-0808) to see if your item for donation is acceptable.
- Many items have to be discarded because they are unusable and can not be recycled. This type of donation only adds to our costs for disposal.

**Our Distribution Centre is open
Monday – Friday
8 am – 4 pm**

**Our stores are open Monday – Saturday,
9 am – 5 pm**

HISTORY

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam. Established in Canada in November 1846, the Society was formed on Vancouver Island by 1916. Today, the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul runs a Social Concern Office, a low-income housing development, five thrift stores and the Frederic Ozanam Centre.
- The first St. Vincent de Paul Store was established in 1953. Located at 728 Johnson Street, the store was run by volunteers who would give clothes to needy people and sell some items to the general public to raise funds to further assist the needy. The store moved to 560 Johnson Street in 1964 and then to 840 View Street in 1975. In January, 2002 the store moved to its new location at 833 Yates Street. Since 1975 the Society has increased the number of stores to five and has established a distribution centre at the Ozanam Centre located at 4349 West Saanich Road.

VOLUNTEERS

- After reading this brochure, you may like to volunteer at the store or the Ozanam Centre. If so, you may pick up an application form at your local St. Vincent de Paul thrift store.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island



THRIFT STORES

Serving the Greater Victoria Area

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| VICTORIA STORE | - | 382-3213 |
| 833 Yates Street | | |
| LANGFORD STORE | - | 478-0282 |
| 2784 Claude Road | | |
| SIDNEY STORE | - | 655-3188 |
| 9788B Second Street | | |
| SOOKE STORE | - | 642-7846 |
| 6750 West Coast Road | | |
| COURTENAY STORE | - | 338-4845 |
| 2703B Kilpatrick Avenue | | |
| PICK-UP & DELIVERY | - | 727-0808 |
| 4349 West Saanich Road | | |

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