



Society of St Vincent de Paul in the North

Bangor Conferences: We are holding our Annual Christmas Appeal next weekend – 12th & 13th December 2020. Please give as generously as you can, we are so grateful for all your continued support over the years.

Amy's mother lost her job and had to stay at home with her children. She is struggling to keep food on the table and roof over their heads. At Christmas she will face impossible choices. A decent dinner or a warm house? That precious gift or another unfilled promise?

Christmas is meant to be a time of togetherness and hope. But for many families, it will be filled with worry. In the winter, families around the country face impossible choices.

They will struggle with the decision of heating the house or having a Christmas dinner. Should they put presents under the tree, or oil in the tank?

Christmas is not the same for everyone, but with your help we can alleviate the struggle of families facing these impossible choices, and help ensure everyone is safe and warm, and can enjoy a little bit of the magic that comes with this season.

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Click on the following youtube video which tells the story of Amy... - <https://youtu.be/I6CfhAKp-Uo>

Each year in Northern Ireland, the Society spends almost £3m on those in need and most vulnerable in our communities. As well as expending this in direct financial assistance, other essential items such as food, fuel and household items are also given in support.

We offer a confidential, person centred, non judgemental service to individuals and families, whoever or wherever they are. Home visitation is the cornerstone of our work. We are a member-led organisation and our pool of almost 1,800 volunteers work tirelessly to meet the needs of those seeking our help and support. We have 180 local Conferences across the Region.

The ongoing and continued generosity of an ever-giving public ensure we continue to offer a high level of support to those in need to help them maintain their self-respect and dignity. Whilst financial and material donations are always welcome, we are constantly looking for new volunteers. Please consider joining us and becoming a member – as little as 2 hours per week would be greatly appreciated. You could make a difference in the lives of those facing poverty and reduce their isolation.

The Society is also involved in many other activities, some of which are listed below:

- Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs
- [Clare Lodge](#), a Centre for Wellbeing for those in need of a short break or respite
- Childcare facilities
- New Furniture & White Goods Outlets
- [32 'Vincent's' Clothing Outlets](#)
- Hospital & Prison Visitation
- [Twinning with Ghana & Botswana](#)



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