

Durham Catholic  
**Children's**  
Foundation



Providing Help. Creating Hope.

**A Year of Service**  
Annual Report 2018





### **About the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation**

Recognizing the importance of supporting the whole student in mind, body and spirit to foster positive learning outcomes, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation was established to ensure that students are able to attend school with the basic daily necessities of life provided.

Through our signature fundraising events and donor contributions, the Foundation enables a formal mechanism for coordinating charitable initiatives and raising funds to support student participation in all aspects of school life.

With recommendations from the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) and its communities, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation contributes to student well-being and achievement by providing basic needs to the most vulnerable children and families in Durham Region, enabling them to work towards reaching their full potential.

## Our Mission

To bring hope to students in need.

## Our Vision

A Catholic community that supports students in becoming who they are called to be.

## Our Catholic Values

By living these values with an open mind and a faithful heart we bear witness to these words:  
"You are the hope of the Church and of the world. You are my hope." – Saint John Paul II

### As a Catholic Learning Community, we value:

**Faith**, evangelizing ourselves and others through scripture, sacrament, prayer and action in service with the home, school and parish.

**Hope**, giving witness to the belief that we can become who we are called to be.

**Love**, being present to others with care, compassion, solidarity, community and joy.

**Peace**, creating opportunities for contemplation, spirituality, reconciliation and forgiveness.

**Wisdom**, listening and responding to the Holy Spirit.

**Inclusion**, ensuring a sense of belonging by promoting the dignity and worth of each human life.

**Excellence**, building on God's grace to achieve our earthly and eternal vocations.

**Creativity**, celebrating diverse and innovative expressions of God's gifts.

**Service**, seeking out and responding to local and global needs with prudence, fortitude, humility and charity.

**Stewardship**, shepherding God's creation and resources for the common good.

**Responsibility**, demonstrating accountability and fidelity in our thoughts, words and deeds.

**Justice**, acting and serving with integrity in communion with the Gospel and teachings of Jesus.

## A Message from the Chair



With gratitude and profound appreciation, I am pleased to report on another successful year for the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation. In 2018 we witnessed increased community engagement and opportunities to further promote equity across all schools of the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB). Our signature events continue to draw community members with generous hearts, bringing people together with a common goal: providing help; creating hope; and ultimately, supporting student success.

We are blessed to have the support of DCDSB staff and Foundation volunteers that work countless hours with a commitment to bringing hope and possibilities to families in need. Thanks to everyone involved in special outreach opportunities, raising funds in support of our signature events, as well as local fundraising initiatives organized within DCDSB schools and administrative offices.

On behalf of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Board of Directors, I extend our gratitude to our donors and sponsors for their generosity and giving spirit.

Stan Karwowski

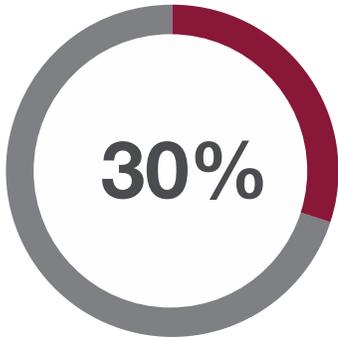
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Chair, Durham Catholic Children's Foundation



# Impact

90 students and families received assistance through the Direct Family Assistance program and Emergency Support Fund.



## Direct Family Assistance \$40,000

Approximately 30% of Durham Catholic students live below the poverty line. Living in such circumstances can impact a student's ability to learn and participate freely in all aspects of school life. Through the Direct Family Assistance program, the Foundation has extended support to students. The most common categories of assistance include:

- Food purchases
- Medical (glasses, dental)
- Clothing (winter, graduation)
- Activities (camp, school trips)

## Emergency Support Fund \$20,000

The Emergency Support Fund provides assistance to families faced with significant unexpected challenges and unique circumstances that present obstacles for students to come to school physically, mentally and emotionally prepared for learning.

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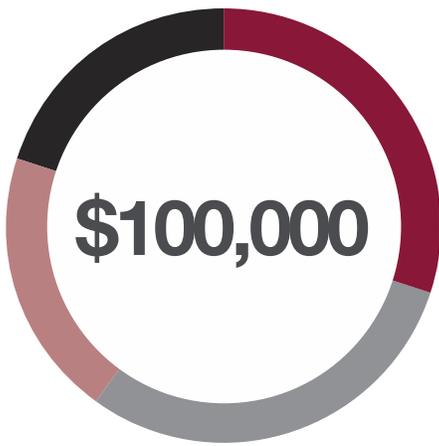
## Durham Catholic Secondary School Graduate Bursaries \$4,000

### \$500 for each student representing 8 secondary schools

The Foundation presented bursaries to students in need who have demonstrated commitment to meeting the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. A student from each Durham Catholic secondary school was selected and awarded with this opportunity upon graduation as they transitioned into their post-secondary pathways.

# Foundation Revenue

*"We used our Foundation allocation to provide gift cards to a family that lost everything in a fire. The funds allowed them to purchase clothes for their children so they could come to school wearing something new the next day." – DCDSB Principal*



Funds are raised through the Foundation's signature events, including the Foundation Gala, Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic and Community Walk/Run for Hope. Through events like these, we engage our Catholic learning community, partners and families in the spirit of hope, love and charity.

## Annual Signature Events

- Foundation Gala
- Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic
- Community Walk/Run for Hope
- Community Donations

*"Let us work together to ensure that children continue to smile: their faces serene, filled with joy and hope." – Pope Francis on World Children's Day*





## 5th Annual Foundation Gala

**May 3, 2018**

**\$30,000 Raised**

The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board, hosted the 5th Annual Foundation Gala. Honoring the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Nguyen and the 2018 Durham Catholic Distinguished Alumni, the event brought approximately 300 guests together from the Durham Catholic community. Guest speaker, Luke Stocking captured the crowd with his insights on the theme of hope and Catholic Education.





*"I thank our vendors for their support, bringing more funds directly to students in need through the Foundation." – Ronald Rodriguez, Organizer*

## 5th Annual Golf Classic

**August 21, 2018**

**\$30,000 Raised**

The 5th Annual Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic sold out with additional participants taking a golf lesson and attending the dinner for a total of 228 guests.





*"Thank you to all who have given your time, support and donations to the Foundation. You are helping many students in our Durham Catholic Community."*  
 – Jim Raper, Foundation Board of Directors

## Community Run and Student Walk for Hope

**May 27, 2018**

**\$20,000 Raised**

DCDSB staff organized the annual Community Run for Hope, bringing together students, families and staff for a 2.5 or 5K run starting and finishing at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School. Students also contributed toonies at their local Durham Catholic schools as they participated in a Walk for Hope, contributing to the funds raised at the community run.



# Get Involved



## How You Can Help

Sponsors and volunteers are always appreciated in support of our various events. E-mail [info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca](mailto:info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca) for details.



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## Donate Now

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