

Durham Catholic
Children's
Foundation



Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Annual Report 2017





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.

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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



This year, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation's Board of Directors developed a formal mission statement — simply stated — *to bring hope to students in need*. These words ring true to our hearts as we aim to remove barriers to student well-being and achievement. Our refined vision of *a Catholic community that supports students in becoming who they are called to be* — compliments the mission of the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) — serving with excellence in the light of Christ — as we work in partnership to ensure equitable opportunities for all learners. Thank you to the members of the Board for your insight and support.

It was a successful year for the Foundation with respect to community engagement and continued efforts to promote equity. Our signature events were a tremendous success, not only in raising funds to support students, but doing so in a way that brings people with a common goal together — to support 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 organizing our special signature events, including the Gala, Golf Classic, Run/Walk for Hope and other local school events that have raised funds in support of these initiatives.

A special thank you to our donors and sponsors for their generosity and giving spirit, *providing help; creating hope* for students.

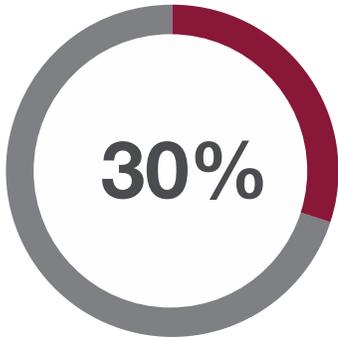
Stan Karwowski

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Karwowski', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chair, Durham Catholic Children's Foundation

Impact

70 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.

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



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

"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



"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

4th Annual Foundation Gala

May 4, 2017

\$25,000 Raised

The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board, hosted the 4th Annual Foundation Gala. Honoring the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Nguyen and the 2017 Durham Catholic Distinguished Alumni, the event brought approximately 300 guests together from the Durham Catholic community. Guest speaker, Father Damien Ali 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

4th Annual Golf Classic

August 22, 2017

\$35,000 Raised

The 4th Annual Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic sold out with 144 players, as well as additional participants taking a golf lesson and attending the dinner for a total of 190 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

April 23, 2017

\$20,000 Raised

DCDSB staff organized the annual Community Run for Hope, bringing together students, families and staff for a 4K 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 for details.



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