



The Angel Foundation for Learning is a charitable organization that serves the needs of more than 90,000 students in the City of Toronto. Through the generosity and compassion of corporate sponsors and individual donors, we help children and families who are experiencing financial hardships.

Our mandate is to ensure that all students have access to the supports they need to fully participate in all education opportunities, and have equal opportunities for success.

Student Nutrition Programs Feed 61,000+ Students Every Day

Each unique Student Nutrition Program (SNP) operates in schools with the help of staff, student and parent volunteers. In an average month, these SNPs provide 1.2 million healthy meals and snacks to children in 167 schools in the City of Toronto.

Nutrition programs help with the formation of healthy eating habits, and support improved academic performance.

One quarter of students are living in poverty, and in some neighbourhoods that number is as high as one in three living in homes where families are struggling to provide basic necessities for their children.

Municipal and provincial government grants subsidize approximately 25% of the costs associated with running SNPs. Each school provides the balance through fundraising, parent donations and corporate donations. With rising food costs, these programs are finding it more challenging to provide nutritious snacks to children.

Guardian Angel Programs Ensure No Student is Left Behind

School Allocations

Learning also happens outside the classroom! School trips, presentations and classroom excursions enhance the learning experience for students. Families are often asked to assist with the additional costs of these opportunities but for many this can pose an added burden. Through School Allocations, each school can request funds to reduce the costs associated with school trips or leadership activities for their students to ensure that all children can participate.

Social Work Emergency Fund

Overseen by a dedicated team of professionally certified social workers, applications under the Social Work Emergency Fund cover food, clothing, basic life essentials and shelter for students. Loss of employment, a family crisis, an illness or an accident are just some of the many reasons families in distress reach out to us.

Family Support Fund for Extreme Needs

This fund is available for TCDSB students whose families, due to exceptional and sometimes catastrophic circumstances, require financial assistance and/or other support to ensure their health and well-being.

The Angel Foundation for Learning Camp Fund

The Angel Foundation for Learning Camp Fund was created to provide students facing financial challenges the opportunity to participate in summer camp activities. The criteria has been extended to include after school sports and educational activities for students that would otherwise not be able to afford the costs of these programs.

Reliable Life Fund

The Reliable Life Fund provides emergency support for a student's medical necessities (health, dental, or vision) that may be the result of a schoolyard accident or other medical issue, where the family does not have the necessary funds to meet the student's need for treatment.

The AFL Arts Fund

TCDSB students demonstrating artistic ability in Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Dance can apply for up to \$500 to develop their talents. The Angel Foundation for Learning wants students who have been identified with artistic talents to have the opportunity to develop these skills regardless of the family's ability to pay for lessons or materials. This fund is made available due to a generous bequest from Bob Wilson, a former TCDSB/MSSB employee, who had a passion for the Arts.

The Loretto Fund

The Loretto Sisters have a long history of helping refugees and recent immigrants settle into their new life in Canada. This fund supports students who are newcomers to Canada so they are able participate in school events including, but not limited to: Leadership activities, Orientation camps, Sports events, Retreats, Field trips, Seminars and Compliance with school dress code. This includes more than 1,000 newcomers from Ukraine.

Vouchers for School Apparel

Starting in the Spring of 2021, with the support of McCarthy Uniforms, The Angel Foundation for Learning provided vouchers to eligible students to offset the cost of purchasing school apparel, including uniforms and athletic apparel.

Helping Students Fulfill Post-Secondary Aspirations

The Angel Foundation for Learning distribute more than \$40,000 in bursaries and awards in 2022, including a newly established bursary for Indigenous students, a bursary for deaf and hard of hearing students, a bursary for students with special needs, as well as bursaries for students who are experiencing financial challenges.

The newly established Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education subsidizes the cost of application fees to Ontario colleges and universities for eligible secondary school students.

The long term fall out from the global pandemic, including soaring prices for food, gas, accommodations and other necessities has disproportionately impacted families who were already struggling previously, and we are responding to an even higher number of requests for assistance in recent months, and we expect that trend to continue as the recession takes hold.

More than ever The Angel Foundation for Learning needs the support of individual donors as well as corporate partners to ensure that fundraising keeps pace with the needs in the community.

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