

Thank You To All Our TCDSB Angels

The past year has been like no other for everyone in our community. The extended periods of school closure have prompted all of us to draw upon our creativity and resilience in the face of enormous challenges to respond to the needs of the students in our school communities.

The Angel Foundation for Learning also had to reinvent how we do things at a time when the needs were the greatest. With school closure, student nutrition programs which provide healthy meals and snacks for students, came to a stop. Working with our partners we were able to divert funds from those programs and redistribute the funds directly to families in the form of grocery gift cards through the Food for Kids initiative.

Never has the demand for assistance been greater than it is now. With as many as 1 in 3 students living in poverty in some areas of the City, the requests for help with basic necessities continue to multiply.

Thankfully the Toronto Catholic District School Board community has responded with generosity over recent months, enabling us to support students and families who are struggling during these unprecedented times.

Whether participating in our Giving Tuesday campaign, signing up for Cents Off, shopping for AFL Christmas cards, or making extra donations during Advent and Christmas, our staff and families opened up their hearts and wallets to share with those who are less fortunate.

We thank everyone for their generosity and look forward to seeing you again in the near future once the current health crisis is behind us. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and blessed 2021!

Sincerely



John Yan
Executive Director





Join the
**COMMON CENTS
REVOLUTION**

For you it's just pennies.
To a child,
it's a world of difference.



Help our Students Soar

A Little Goes a Long Way

Sign up for Cents Off and help The Angel Foundation for Learning support students and families throughout the year.

During the COVID-19 pandemic many in our TCDSB school communities have experienced reduced work hours or lost their jobs all together.

Your bi-weekly deduction will total less than \$1, but those pennies can make a world of difference in the life of a child.

Join the [Common Cents Revolution](#)

Let's Celebrate the Many Angels Among Us!

Despite the challenges we all face when we can't be together in our schools and offices, it is heartwarming to see the amazing things that our students, staff, parents, volunteers and school communities are doing to help brighten the lives of others. We look forward to sharing your stories of our angels in action throughout the school year.



**Let's hear from our schools
about the many
#AngelsAmongUs**

Share a photo of your Angels in action (students, staff, parents, student nutrition coordinators and volunteers).

Tag us in your posts.

Let's fill 2021 with positive stories about the great people in our schools.



Where Your Donations Go

The largest area of spending is Student Nutrition, with 167 programs in operation in TCDSB schools, delivering 1.2 million healthy meals and snacks to students every month.

The Food for Kids program, which provided grocery gift cards to families during the school closure last spring, and again this winter, has resulted in the distribution of more than \$1.5 to families in need.

AFL has also provided thousands of dollars in emergency funding for basic necessities to families who found themselves in dire circumstances due to the downturn in the economy as well as job losses resulting from the prolonged closure of many businesses.

The ongoing work of the Foundation also includes bursaries and awards, and school allocations to ensure that all students can participate in co-curricular activities including educational field trips.

Meet Our Team

We look forward to working with everyone in our TCDSB community.

- John Yan, Executive Director
- Jennifer Tocci, Manager Operations and Programs
- Emmy Szekeres Milne, Manager Communications, Events and Fundraising
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