

## About The Angel Foundation for Learning

The Angel Foundation for Learning has been supporting students and their families since 1987. At a time when one quarter of students are living in poverty (*in some communities as many as one in three children come from families who don't earn enough money to pay for basic essentials*), we remain committed to equity for all students. The donations we receive ensure that all children have access to the supports they need to succeed, and ease the financial burden on families who are dealing with a variety of hardships.

### Student Nutrition Programs

In an average month, AFL's Student Nutrition Programs provide 1.2 million meals to children in 167 schools in the City of Toronto. The programs are funded through municipal and provincial government grants as well as fundraising events and private donations. When schools were closed in the spring of 2020 and again in the winter of 2020-21, funds were redirected from the school nutrition programs to the Food for Kids program, providing grocery cards to families in need.



### Learning also happens outside the classroom!

School trips, presentations and classroom excursions enhance the learning experience and AFL's School Allocations funding ensures that all students can participate.

### When the Unexpected Happens

Loss of employment, a family crisis, an illness, fire or accident are just some of the many reasons families in distress reach out to us. The Social Work Emergency Fund was established to help families in need.

### Student Equity Guardian Angel Funds

No student should go without warm clothing, school apparel, hearing aids, eyeglasses, epi-pens, and other necessities because of financial hardship.



### Helping Students Fulfill Post-Secondary Aspirations

The Angel Foundation for Learning distributed \$15,500 in bursaries and \$1,600 in awards in 2019 to enhance literacy programs in elementary schools, to assist deaf and hard of hearing students and to support students with the cost of post-secondary studies.



Contact us for more information and ideas on how you can get involved:

email [angel.foundation@tcdsb.org](mailto:angel.foundation@tcdsb.org).

Visit [www.angelfoundationforlearning.org](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org) for more information or follow us on twitter @AFLToronto.



## Calling all Angels Join the A-Team



## Celebrating #AngelsAmongUs

We know that Angels walk among us and see the amazing things they are doing to help others:



raising money, food drives, clothing drives, toiletry drives, visiting or writing to veterans, the elderly or shut-ins. Our EcoClubs are Angels for the

environment. Our students involved in Stop the Stigma, Bullying Awareness and Prevention, and Safe Schools initiatives are doing the work of Angels as they spread messages of inclusion, friendship, kindness and caring.

*Let's bring all that good work together:  
Create an Angel Team or A-Team  
at your school.*

## Be An Angel; Join the A-Team

Your Local A-Team could:

- Inspire others in the school community to help others locally across the TCDSB, and in the wider community.
- Initiate fundraising initiatives for The Angel Foundation for Learning or other worthwhile charities.
- Raise awareness about the work of the Angel Foundation.
- Share photos and stories about the great work your A-Team and other groups in your school are doing to make a positive difference in your school, your parish, your city.



Our hope, of course, is that schools will keep the needs of our own students and families top of mind as you plan your fundraising activities for the year, and we welcome your continued support of The Angel Foundation for Learning.



**Remember to share all the great work that your A-Team is doing** through social media (please ensure that you have written consent to share images and personal information with @AFLToronto)  
Tag @AFLToronto in your posts so that we can help to spread the word about the many random acts of kindness and giving.



*Not all Angels have wings,  
but we look forward to  
seeing what your A-Team is  
doing to help others soar.*

## Ideas for Consideration:

**Poster contest**—Encourage students to design posters or other materials to help to raise awareness about the work of the Angel Foundation for Learning

**Social media**—Each A-Team could initiate a social media account—twitter or Instagram—to share approved images and stories (*parental consent needed for sharing of personal information such as photos of students, students' work, names, ages etc*). Follow @AFLToronto on Twitter or @angelfoundationforlearning on Instagram and tag us in your posts.

**Fundraising**—Consider f undraisers for AFL throughout the year:

- Civvies day
- Bake sale, pizza lunch or other one off events
- Walkathon or danceathon
- Raffle or silent auction
- Fun fair
- Bazaar or used book sale
- Asking for donations from families attending regular school events such as talent shows, Christmas concerts etc



Remember that a little bit goes a long way to helping students.

*Be #AngelsAmongUs  
#SharetheGood*