



**THE ANGEL  
FOUNDATION  
FOR LEARNING**

The Year in Review  
**ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-2020**

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# A Message from our Chair



Without a doubt the 2019-2020 school year has been like no other. Thankfully the dedicated and innovative staff at The Angel Foundation for Learning were able to respond to the unique circumstances with innovative approaches to supporting students.

When tragedy struck Gosford Park and hundreds of people were left homeless right around the holidays, AFL rose to the occasion and mobilized community and school volunteers and donors to provide clothes, blankets, schools supplies and grocery gift cards to families who had been displaced.

Later when the worldwide pandemic triggered a massive lockdown, The Angel Foundation for Learning had to pivot resources and attention to finding creative ways of meeting the diverse needs of children and families once schools closed their doors in March.

Throughout these unusual circumstances, The Angel Foundation for Learning, with the support of staff, students and Trustees across the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and the generous donations from corporate sponsors, was able to redirect resources where they were most needed.

The regular work of the Foundation also continued throughout much of the school year, with a number of successful events and initiatives. Though the functions planned for the spring and summer had to be put on hold due to ongoing health concerns and restrictions, donations continued to flow in, and the focus shifted to more direct support for families.

You can read more about the challenges and opportunities of the past year in this report.

AFL extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated volunteer members of its Board of Directors, as well as the Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board for their commitment to the work of the Foundation. We also thank our many corporate sponsors who, despite their own financial challenges, continue to support our efforts. Of course we also owe a debt of gratitude to the countless individuals—students, staff and families—who opened their hearts and wallets to share what they had with those who were in need. We are truly blessed to have so many Angels among us.

We look forward to the year ahead with excitement and anticipation, and are confident that regardless of local and global circumstances, the AFL will be there to ensure that all students have the resources and support they need to succeed to the best of their abilities.

Sincerely,

**Nancy Murdocca**  
**Chair, Board of Directors**  
**Angel Foundation for Learning**



## Feeding Students in School and At Home

The Angel Foundation for Learning continues to support nutrition programs in schools. During 2019-2020, there were 184 programs in operation in 167 schools, providing 1.2 million nutritious meals and snacks per month to 61,000 students each day. A nutrition program was newly introduced at Bishop Macdonell, a new school in the downtown core, and the Board is committed to ensuring that all schools have nutrition programs once funds are available.



The Angel Foundation for Learning appreciates the continued support and leadership of school Principals, and the dedicated nutrition program coordinators and volunteers who remain committed to ensuring that all students can benefit from healthy meals and snacks throughout the school day.

When schools were forced to close their doors in March because of the global pandemic, The Angel Foundation for Learning recognized that there would be a gap in the service for vulnerable families who already struggle with putting food on the table for their children. Working closely with our partners at the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS), the City of Toronto/Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Child and Social Services, the AFL launched its own COVID Emergency Response Plan,, redeploying \$1.75 million (in phases) designated for in-school nutrition programs, to create the Food for Kids Student Home Nutrition Program. Over 34,000 grocery cards were distributed to families in need and went a long way in helping many families from March through to the end of August. With the delayed start to the school year, the program was extended into the 2020-2021 school year to ensure that no student would go without.



## When the Unexpected Happens...The Angel Foundation is There

In November 2019, The Angel Foundation for Learning heard about a massive fire at Gosford Park. Hundreds of families, including many students from the Toronto Catholic District School Board, were displaced by the fire and had to seek temporary accommodation elsewhere for an extended period of time. Losing your home and possessions is devastating at the best of times, and the emotional, financial and psychological impact is even more strongly felt with Christmas looming.

In the true spirit of Advent, many corporate donors rallied to the cause. With their support and the generous outpouring of donations from staff and families across the Toronto Catholic District School Board,



AFL's Social Work Emergency Funds were able to address some of the most urgent and pressing needs for those impacted. The assistance took the form of grocery gift cards, donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, bedding, clothing and school supplies.

AFL staff, along with local Trustees and school staff were on site at schools impacted by the fire to ensure that students had what they needed to continue with their education. A total of more than \$13,000 was donated in a matter of days.

**The Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) were among the many donors who gave from the heart to help students and families. (Pictured left to right: John Yan, AFL Executive Director, Patricia Minnan-Wong, TECT President, TCDSB Trustee Ida Li Preti) with a cheque for \$1,000.**

## Angels Among Us

The Angel Foundation for Learning is grateful for the many corporate sponsors and donors, TCDSB schools, students, staff and families, as well as community members, who support the organization throughout the year. These Angels participate in our fundraising events, donate gifts and money, provide professional services or other assistance throughout the year. We could not do what we do without their help.

Our heartfelt thanks to our corporate partners/sponsors and contributors:

AeroMexico	Archdiocese of Toronto
Atkinson Foundation	Maureen Campbell
CIBC	Connie Leon
CUPE 1328 (Canadian Union of Public Employees)	David's Tea
DJ Emporium	Edge Imaging
Flashlite Benefits	Johnson Insurance
Knights of Columbus	Loblaw Companies Limited
Loretto Sisters	Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (Toronto Argos, Toronto Marlies)
Martin McCarthy	McCarthy Uniforms
Kathleen McCarthy	National Bank
Murdocca Family	Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada
Nordale	Riviera Parque
Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) District #23	SSVPA (Secondary School Vice Principals') Association
ShareLife	Tandia
TCPVA (Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals Association)	TECT (Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers)
Terra Tundra Foundation	TD Securities Underwriting Hope Fund
TSU (Toronto Secondary Unit OECTA)	Toronto Catholic District School Board
Youth and Education Fund	World's Finest Chocolates

## TCDSB Angels

We are grateful to our school communities who host a variety of events throughout the year to raise much needed funds for AFL, including:

### The Holy Trinity Arcade

The Angel Foundation for Learning was delighted to receive \$1,400 from The Holy Trinity school community. The money was raised through their annual Caines Arcade which was organized by grade 7 students and teachers. The funds will support the AFL's efforts to provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as other supports for students and their families.





## St. Mary Philanthropists

Students from St. Mary's Catholic Academy earned a \$5,000 donation to their charity of choice—The Angel Foundation for Learning. Congratulations and thank you to Yeonjoo Choi, Louis Paglicauan, Daniel Vasco, Madelina Fagundes and Kaitlyn Malfara for their award winning presentation for the Youth in Philanthropy Initiative!



Ms. Ousovitch, a teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Academy, added "I'd also like to express my gratitude to all grade 10 Civics students who contributed to other charities in promoting a sense of community and good citizenship. This project allows students to learn, to engage and to be conscious of their everyday privileges as compared to many of those they help service."

## St. Dorothy Gets Baking

Students had a great time with their bake sale at St. Dorothy, raising money for AFL. Nothing is better than students helping students.



St. Angela's Mental Health & Wellness Committee presents:

# Together in Faith!

with  
Maestro Fresh Wes  
and  
Father Obinna

On Monday, June 15, 2020 at 11 AM

**Goal:**  
To raise money to help support the Angel Foundation while bringing together AREA 1 & 2 TCDSB staff for a celebration of faith.  
Any staff member who wishes to volunteer their time to participate in this seminar are invited to donate to the Angel Foundation (under Together in Faith).  
[https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page\\_id=10809](https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10809)

Spaces are limited. Please RSVP by Friday, June 12, 2020 to [jessica.cheron@tcdsb.org](mailto:jessica.cheron@tcdsb.org)

what you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me (Matthew 25:40)

## Together in Faith

Staff from Areas 1 and 2 in the west end participated in a virtual Faith Day event with Fr Obinna Ifeanyi and Maestro Fresh Wes. All were invited to consider a donation to The Angel Foundation.

## Cents Off

Employees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board continue to support the work of the AFL through cents off donations. A little goes a long way, as those pennies from each pay cheque help AFL to fund critical programs and services that so many rely on. Staff only need to sign up once, and can opt out at any time. Those few cents from each pay cheque won't be missed, but they will have a huge impact on the life of a child. Just think what we could accomplish if all 10,000 TCDSB employees signed up.

**CENTS-OFF**  
PROGRAM

Give us the pennies from your paycheques,  
and we can do wondrous things together.





Vesna Filipic, Treasurer of the Secondary School Principals and Vice Principals Association, presents John Yan with a cheque at their annual Christmas Luncheon.



Trustee Frank D'Amico delivers cheque from Fairbank Village BIA to AFL.

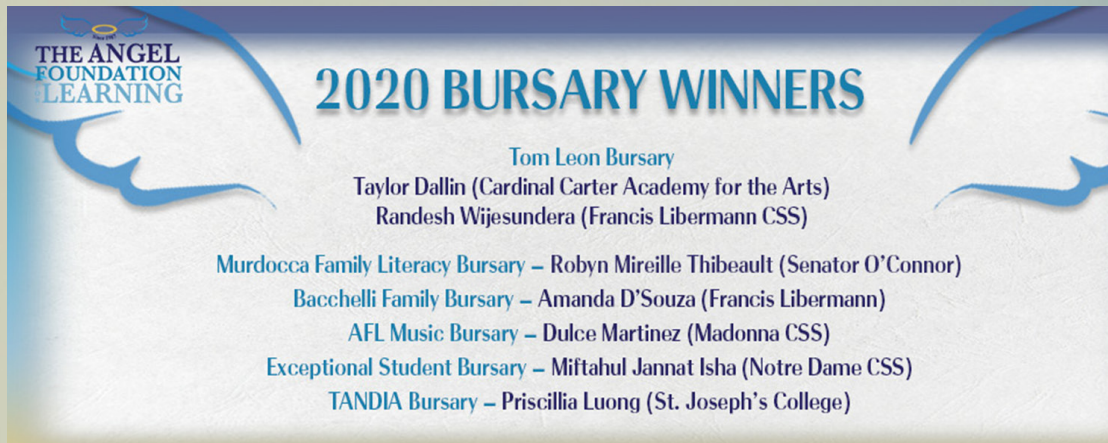
## Special Donations

We are also thankful for those who celebrated milestones or paid tribute to loved ones who passed away with a donation to AFL, as well as the many generous individuals who made donations for no specific occasion:

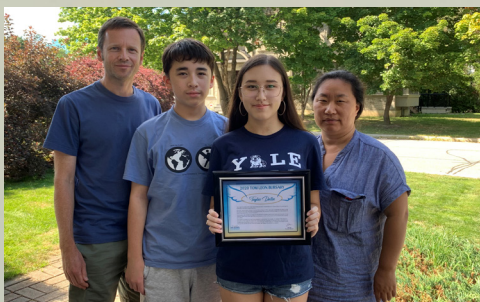
- In memoriam – \$4,359.38
- In honour - \$220
- Retirement - \$25
- General - \$12,951.85

## And the Winners Are...

Each year The Angel Foundation for Learning oversees a number of awards and bursaries that support student achievement. Learn more about the various bursaries and awards administered by The Angel Foundation for Learning: [https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page\\_id=6155](https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6155)



The Tom Leon Bursary is awarded annually to grade 12 graduating students to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Each year, the nominees for this award have outstanding academic achievements, along with a history of giving back to their school and broader community. The most recent winners were Randesh Wijesundera and Taylor Dallin, the latter having served as a Student Trustee for TCDSB for two years.



Taylor with her family (left) and Randesh with his mother (right).





# The Year That Was Highlights from 2019-2020

Despite the cancellation/postponement of some annual events due to health and safety concerns and protocols, there were many AFL events and celebrations that took place during the 2019-2020 school year including the following:



The Annual Gala has always been a highlight of the school year for TCDSB staff, Trustees and friends and supporters of AFL. It's a great opportunity for everyone to dress in their finest, be treated to some amazing performances, socialize with colleagues and friends, and have a chance to win great prizes or bid on a variety of auction items.

In partnership with the Nurturing our Catholic Community team, AFL Toronto honours the students and staff we have lost throughout the past year at a special Memorial Mass--a way for TCDSB to come together and show support for those who have lost a loved one.



The school year started with an announcement regarding the Nutrition Program New Regulatory Framework at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, with a provincial commitment to removing unnecessary barriers for food sharing organizations. Those on hand for the announcement included Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, as well as John Yan from AFL, Lori Nikkel from Second Harvest. TCDSB Trustee Markus De Domenico and TCDSB Director of Education Rory McGuckin.



The Annual Charity Golf Tournament planned for 2020 had to be cancelled. Plans are underway for a possible event in 2021.





Each December, AFL Toronto shows appreciation to TCDSB staff for their ongoing support with a complimentary breakfast. Staff are also invited to purchase items at the Christmas Market and participate in various raffles and draws.



The Angel Foundation is truly blessed to be part of the TCDSB family and works closely with the Catholic Education Centre's Social Committee in coordinating a special potluck meal—another opportunity for staff to socialize with their colleagues and share their favourite dishes with one another.



**Beards and Bangs:** TCDSB staff were happy to support this unique initiative to raise funds for AFL. With so many of us unable to visit hair salons because of safety restrictions in response to the pandemic, a few volunteers opted to grow their beards and bangs for a good cause. Great fun was had by all who participated and AFL is truly grateful to everyone who supported this event.



## Beards & Bangs CUT Challenge



**Here are the final CUT results!**



Another highlight for students and staff is Marlies Health Action Day. Students from across the Board are invited to a game to show support for their favourite AHL hockey team, and the Marlies in turn make a generous donation to AFL. Despite the lower attendance due to concerns over the global pandemic the Marlies donated \$9,000.

# 2019-2020 Financial Statements

(period ending August 31, 2020)

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
<b>Revenue</b>				
Grants	5,698,146	-	5,698,146	6,255,327
Donations	502,956	63,813	566,769	441,038
Fundraising Events	141,502	-	141,502	244,005
Interest	20,035	-	20,035	31,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,362,639</b>	<b>63,813</b>	<b>6,426,452</b>	<b>6,972,189</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program	5,456,822	64,590	5,521,412	6,506,249
Fundraising	57,291	-	57,291	77,588
Office	(2,150)	-	(2,150)	25,175
Salaries & Benefits	327,733	-	327,733	422,479
Professional Fees	10,790	-	10,790	13,929
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,850,486</b>	<b>64,590</b>	<b>5,915,076</b>	<b>7,045,420</b>
Excess (deficiency) revenue over expenses for the year	512,153	(777)	511,376	(73,231)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>122,880</b>	<b>748,171</b>	<b>871,051</b>	<b>944,282</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

	2020	2019
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	511,376	(73,231)
Balance of Artwork written off	2,937	-
Changes in non-cash balances:		
Accounts receivable	4,885	5,681
Prepaid expenses	1,237	282
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,104)	(876)
Deferred revenue	(2,055,909)	(683,894)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,537,578)	(752,038)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investments, net	(28,383)	(10,448)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(28,383)	(10,448)
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(1,565,961)</b>	<b>(762,486)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,170,016	2,932,502
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	604,055	2,170,016





## **Board of Directors 2019-2020**

Nancy Murdocca - Chair  
Odette Fernandes, Social Worker - Vice-President  
Lucy LePera - Treasurer  
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Daniela Venturin – CUPE 1328  
Raffi Guluyan – MAPA  
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Patricia Coburn - TCSSPA  
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Norm Di Pasquale – TCDSB Trustee  
Daniel Di Giorgio – TCDSB Trustee  
Taylor Dallin – TCDSB Student Trustee  
Kathy Nguyen – TCDSB Student Trustee

## **Our Mission**

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). Through the generosity and compassion of donors, we support students by nurturing their body, mind and soul through nutritional, educational, and spiritual programs.

## **Our Vision**

As the official charity of the TCDSB, our mandate is to empower TCDSB students so they can focus on their education. Through our Wings of Support: Student Nutrition Programs; School Allocations; Student Equity Guardian Angel Funds; and Bursaries and Awards, we work to give every student an equal opportunity to succeed.



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