



## Who We Are:

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.

## What We Do:

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

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 60,000+ Students Every Day – In an average month, these programs provide 1.2 million healthy meals and snacks to children in 167 schools in the City of Toronto.
- **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.
- **Emergency Funds:** AFL also provides funds to families who need assistance with rent, clothing, food, hearing aids, epi-pens and other necessities. 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. In 2019, when fire broke out in a residential apartment complex and hundreds of families were displaced, The Angel Foundation for Learning mobilized the community and helped to supply clothing, bedding, school supplies and grocery gift cards for those impacted by the tragedy.
- **Bursaries:** The Angel Foundation for Learning distributed \$15,500 in bursaries and \$1,600 in awards in 2019. Through eight bursaries and four awards, The Angel Foundation for Learning provides opportunities to enhance literacy programs in elementary schools, to assist deaf and hard of hearing students, and to support secondary students with the cost of post-secondary studies.

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## The Pandemic Changed Everything

Since the first lockdown happened, the requests from families have increased as many parents experienced job loss, reduction in working hours, and new costs associated with online learning. AFL Toronto responded by repurposing some of the funds for Student Nutrition Programs so that grocery cards could be provided to families in need.

Despite the inability to host in person fundraising events, and the reduced ability of many corporations to provide the level of sponsorship they had in past years, AFL Toronto continues to respond to needs thanks to the generosity of individual donors.

### Join Us!

All are welcome to assist us in the effort to level the playing field and make sure all children have access to the supports they need to succeed. The Angel Foundation is always looking for corporate sponsors to help us with fundraising events like our annual Gala Dinner and summer golf tournament, as well as virtual initiatives such as online auctions and raffles.

### Become an Angel

There are many ways that individuals can get involved and make a positive impact on children and families who are experiencing hardship:

- Make a one-time donation, or an ongoing monthly donation to AFL Toronto.
- Provide gift cards or other items that could be raffled or auctioned off at virtual and/or in person events throughout the year.
- Host your own fundraiser and donate the proceeds to AFLToronto.
- Share your expertise and talent. Donate services in kind for an event.
- Let others know about the work that The Angel Foundation for Learning does to support children and families in the City of Toronto.
- Staff can opt in to Cents off their pay cheques.

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

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