

Christmas Greetings

With the holidays right around the corner we wanted to extend our sincere thanks to all the angels among us who have continued to support students and their families by donating to The Angel Foundation for Learning and participating in our fundraising initiatives. We are truly blessed with the outpouring of generosity in recent months, which enables us to extend help wherever and whenever it is needed. Your donations have an enormous impact on the lives of children and families in need.

We wish all of you the joy and peace of the Christmas season and look forward to an even better year ahead. Merry Christmas! May 2022 be the best year ever!

New Christmas Cards

This year, AFL was pleased to ring in the holiday season with the annual sale of Christmas cards. New this year is an option to select from our traditional classic cards, to create your own customized card with a photo of your choosing, or to purchase cards designed by TCDSB students.

Congratulations to TCDSB students Mafalda, Gloria, Vann, Emily, Mikaela, El Shaddai, Stephanie, Shelsy, Maiara and Madison for their winning designs, and to the 150+ students who submitted their artwork for consideration. You made it difficult for our judges to select just 10 designs. Place your order for cards before December 10th: <https://form.jotform.com/212974554478267>

NEW Student Designed Collection

Christmas Trees:



Midnight Mass:



Snowpeople:



Reindeer:



Away in a Manger:



Houses in a Canoe:



Winter Scene:



Snowman:



Nativity Ornament:



Santa's Sleigh:



Loretto College Student Wins Grant for AFL

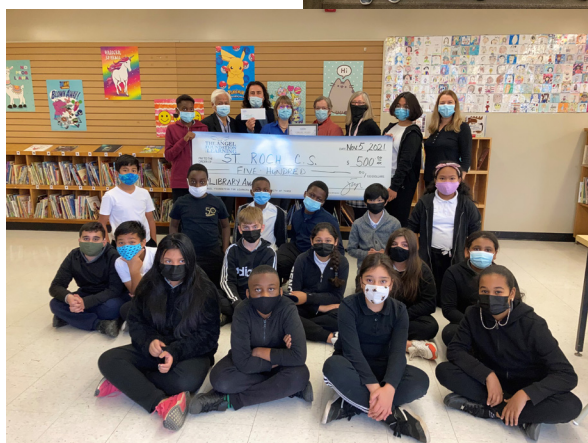
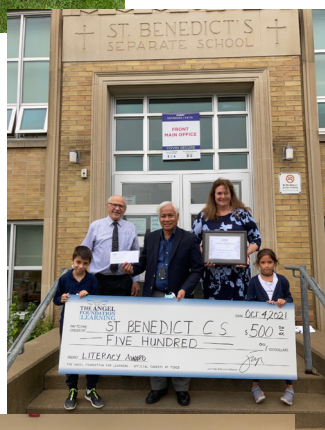


The Angel Foundation for Learning was delighted to hear that the Foundation was being awarded a \$2,500 grant from Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada thanks to Loretto College School student, Annalisa Mazzeo. The grant was awarded after Annalisa's presentation on child poverty that illustrated all that AFL does to support students and families in need. The Youth and Philanthropy Program provided curriculum support for her grade 10 Civics and Citizenship class. Annalisa says she personally witnessed the work of the Foundation in action in her elementary school, helping many students who needed various types of assistance. The \$2,500 grant will be matched by the Foundation so that Loretto College can enhance access to technology for all students.

John Yan (left) Executive Director of AFL presented the cheque to Annalisa (centre) and Loretto College Principal Erica Wilson on October 6, 2021. Thanks to Youth and Philanthropy Initiative - YPI Canada for offering this program to schools, and for their support of the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning.

Supports for Literacy and Library Resources

The Angel Foundation for Learning continues to support literacy programs for students and families by providing a number of awards for schools to help purchase resources and materials for classrooms and school libraries. The winners of the 2020-2021 awards were: Our Lady of Peace (below left), St. Benedict (below right) and St. Roch (bottom).

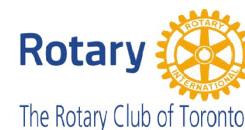


Our Gala is Go

We missed you, and we know that many of you missed our annual gala during the COVID lockdown. We are keeping our fingers crossed that our gala can proceed as planned in May 2022. Watch for details coming in the new year about our spring gala to help us celebrate the Foundation's 35th anniversary. Hope to see you there!

Rotary Club Toronto Supports New Student Equity Initiative

Newly launched, the Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education aims to eliminate the financial barrier for students who wish to apply for college or university. Also known as The Peggy Project, this new initiative was made possible through a grant of \$10,000 from The Rotary Club of Toronto, and through bequests from the estates of former MSSB and TCDSB employees.



The fund provides students in financial need with vouchers to offset the cost of applying to post-secondary institutions. Students may also opt in to potentially connecting with an adult mentor in their field of study in the future. Our thanks to TCDSB Guidance staff for all their support and assistance in launching this new initiative.

Johnson Insurance Continues to Give Back

Johnson Insurance has been proudly supporting Catholic Education in the Greater Toronto Area for over 38 years. In a world that often values profit and material objects over relationships and family, they believe in putting people first. Their partnership with the Angel Foundation for Learning which began in 2000 allows Johnson to share their beliefs and values with the younger generation, in hopes of having a positive influence on their future.

Johnson supports students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) by supporting the Angel Foundation for Learning. Through Foundation events such as the Annual Golf Tournament and the Gala, Johnson Insurance has been able to support and witness the positive work being completed by the Foundation.

"Johnson Insurance is so very pleased to support the Angel Foundation for Learning for the students in the Greater Toronto Area. Our long-time relationship with the Angel Foundation has been making a difference in the lives of the students and families and we couldn't be prouder," says Angela Neuman, Consultant with [Johnson Insurance](#).



Recent Highlights

Cents Off Helps Kids Year Round

Thanks to donations from the Art Gallery of Ontario and What A Bagel (40 Sheppard Ave E), a number of lucky winners were given books of art and coupons for free bagels simply for signing up for Cents Off their pay cheques. We encourage all staff to consider signing on as a quick and easy way to support the work of the Foundation throughout the year. During the month of October 56 people signed up online: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/cents-off-program/> With fewer than 2,000 signed up so far, we are far from our target, and hope that all staff will realize just how easy and inexpensive it is to consider this opportunity to support the work of the Foundation year-round.



Trick or Treat

Okay, so perhaps we didn't offer any tricks, but we did send treats to those who made a donation during the latter part of October. We thank Indigo Yorkdale for providing many of the treats that were sent to our generous donors who helped us raise more than \$1500. Watch for more of these types of opportunities to give and get back next year.



Sock it to me!

We also gave away four pairs of Austin Matthews and John Tavares socks donated by Major League Socks through our fall Instagram contest; a great way to kick off the regular hockey season for our favourite hockey teams: Toronto Marlies and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Fall Auction

Our November auction was a resounding success, raising more than \$2,400 for the Foundation. Among the many items donated by MLSE, Canadian Tire, Longo's, Earls, AGO, Dermalogica and Pizzaville were signed hockey jerseys, skin care products and a variety of edible treats and gift cards. Look for a chance to bid on more great auction items coming this spring.

Giving Tuesday

The annual campaign of giving brought in approximately \$3,400 for the Foundation, including a \$500 donation from the angels at St Victor Catholic School.



Though the day is over, the giving continues throughout Advent and the Christmas holidays.

Visit our website to learn more about ways that you can support our students and families in need: angelfoundationforlearning.org.

Unexpected Surprises

Thank you to **Trail of Hearts Arts** for donating \$400 to The Angel Foundation, raised from the sale of cards created with crocheted ornaments.



A shout out also to the **North Region Basketball Association** for their generous donation of \$500.

Where Your Money Goes

Every donation we receive goes to support students and families across the TCDSB. From September to the end of November, the Foundation distributed approximately 4,340 grocery cards valued at \$50 each (\$217,000) to families across the TCDSB. AFL also provided \$13,350 in vouchers for school apparel thanks to one of our sponsors, McCarthy Uniforms, and with the support of a grant from the Rotary Club of Toronto, vouchers totalling \$4,675 were also distributed to graduating high school students to offset the cost of applying to university and/or college. This was in addition to the more than \$24,000 distributed through social work emergency funds, extreme needs, arts and camps funds, reliable life and Loretto funds. Wherever help is needed, the AFL is able to respond.

Coming Soon...

Celebrating 35 Years of Helping Student and Families

We are gearing up for our anniversary with lots of fun events planned for 2022. From humble beginnings as the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation in 1987, The Angel Foundation for Learning has grown into a multi-million dollar enterprise, supporting student nutrition programs and emergency funds for a variety of urgent needs. We invite everyone to celebrate with us throughout the year, and learn more about all that we are able to do for students and families with your continued help.



Mark Your Calendars - Hockey is Back!

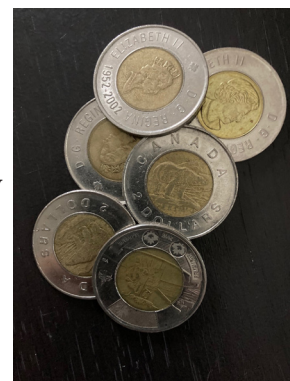
MLSE and the Toronto Marlies continue to be one of our loyal sponsors, and we appreciate their ongoing support. Get ready to cheer on our favourite hockey team on **March 9, 2022** at our annual TCDSB Day at CocaCola Coliseum. Details will be shared with school communities in the coming weeks so get ready to have some fun and help the Marlies raise money for The Angel Foundation.

Let's Put Two and Two Together and Watch Change Happen

Toonie Tuesday 02-22-2022

The Angel Foundation for Learning invites all schools and offices to participate in a civvies day in support of students and families in need. AFL is hosting Toonie Tuesday on **February 22, 2022**.

Donate \$2 on 02-22-22 and help to make a difference in your school community. All classes who participate will be entered into a draw for some fun prizes so get your donations in to AFLToronto on or before February 28th to be eligible for a chance to win. All elementary students who participate will also receive a special gift from AFL.



Warm Up to Winter

Watch for details about a give and get back promotion in January with a winter theme. Donors will be invited to warm up to winter with a reward simply for making a donation to The Angel Foundation. A variety of treats and accompanying travel mugs with a winter sport theme will be up for grabs. Don't miss out on opportunities just like this. Follow us for a chance to score some great gifts throughout the year:

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Sponsors and Corporate Donors Welcome

Calling all Angels!

AFL Toronto welcomes donations and sponsorship opportunities from local businesses for events throughout the year. We are grateful for any support that can be provided, whether it be items for future auctions or contests, or sponsorship for upcoming events such as our annual gala and charity golf tournament.

Please contact us if you have any items you wish to donate or if you have a connection with any potential corporate sponsors. Email us at angel.foundation@tcdsb.org.



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