



**THE ANGEL
FOUNDATION
FOR
LEARNING**

Updates and Highlights

June 2022

What a Year it's Been!

Although things are slowly starting to return to normal, we continue to see the long-term impact of the pandemic on many families who have lost jobs, lost family members, missed days of work due to illness, or were simply trying to make ends meet during these times of high food and gas prices and other essential commodities. We have also seen a large influx of newcomers fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

The needs in our community are great, but so is the outpouring of generosity from our donors and corporate sponsors. Thanks to everyone who continues to support The Angel Foundation for Learning, which enables us to say yes to every request for assistance. With your help, since March 1st, we have been able to provide:

- Grocery cards--More than \$364,000
- Emergency funds for basic and essential needs (including support for families from Ukraine)--\$75,385.22
- Art and Camp funds--\$7,117
- Vouchers for school apparel--\$39,325 (*with special thanks to McCarthy's for providing funds for this initiative*)

With summer approaching, please remember that the requests for assistance do not take a vacation. Your donations are always welcome. <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/donation-canada-helps/>.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Celebrating our Student Nutrition Heroes

March is Nutrition Month, and The Angel Foundation for Learning took this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who ensure that all students receive nutritious meals and snacks each and every day. We visited the four winners of our random draw to personally express our appreciation: Loretto College, St. Mary Catholic Academy, St. Albert and St. John the Evangelist.



Last Chance to Get Your Tickets

The winner of our last raffle took home close to \$12,000.

You could be the next lucky winner.

Get your tickets before June 27th:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/angelfoundation>.



Celebrating the Many Angels Among Us

We continue to be amazed and thankful for the many caring and compassionate individuals who help raise awareness and funds for the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning. We pay tribute to just a few of them on this page:



Trustee Markus de Domenico who coordinated the Emerging Young Artists competition, art show and silent auction, with \$1,050 in proceeds going to AFL to support children and families from Ukraine.

To all who opted to be a Force for good on May 4th--thank you for helping us to raise more than \$10,000. Our appreciation also goes out to those who had fun dressing up and sharing their photos on social media to raise awareness around this annual fundraiser.



St. Michael's Choir School for their donation of \$865 raised through a recent 50-50 raffle.



Everyone who made a donation during Lent. We gave away more than 150 coupons for free pizza, donated by Domino's, which helped us raise a little over \$2,000.



Our student leaders for assembling, selling and delivering Easter baskets, resulting in a donation of \$1,400 to AFL.



A shout out to Thornhill Florist who donated 20% of all Mother's Day flower sales attributed to AFL Toronto back to us. Thank you to all who purchased flowers and helped bring in a donation of \$168.

CUPE1280 Opens Hearts to Families from Ukraine

Members of CUPE1280 (Facilities, Maintenance and Warehouse staff) recently donated \$1,412.50 to The Angel Foundation for Learning for the Loretto Fund, which is earmarked to support students and families displaced by the war in Ukraine. The funds were raised through a 50-50 draw, which brought in more than \$700, in addition to individual donations from members of CUPE.



Everyone who took part in our Toonie Tuesday fundraiser on February 22, 2022, helping us to raise approximately \$20,000 for basic and essential needs.



The Angel Foundation for Learning joined in the celebration of Nutrition Month and the end of another successful Toonies for Tummies campaign with the Grocery Foundation, Sobey's, Metro and others.

Volunteers including AFL Executive Director John Yan and TCDSB Trustee Joseph Martino were on hand to package up more than 700 grab and go snack bags, which were delivered to Father Henry Carr Catholic School. Student volunteers, with Student Nutrition Program Coordinator Michelle White were on hand to receive and distribute the healthy snacks to students. The Foundation helps to fund over 5,000 programs across Canada. Last year close to \$300K and approximately 100 schools were funded through the Toonies for Tummies campaign.



Parent volunteers, just like this enthusiastic group from St. Jerome, who help out with school events like the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast/lunch.



The Great Canadian Giving Challenge... Help The Angel Foundation

It's back! CanadaHelps is once again offering charities the chance to WIN \$20,000! From June 1-30, any donations made to The Angel Foundation for Learning through CanadaHelps will automatically be considered as entries for the challenge.

The Angel Foundation for Learning is continuing to fund student nutrition programs, provide emergency funds for students and families in need, including those who have recently arrived from Ukraine, vouchers for school apparel and supportive devices such as hearing aids and eyeglasses and so much more. Through your continued generosity, The Foundation is able to respond to the growing needs of students and families across the City of Toronto.

Every dollar donated to The Angel Foundation for Learning during June is an entry for a chance for us to WIN \$20,000! Just think how many more people we could help with that extra money.

To donate now: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/donation-canada-helps/>



A Planned Gift Can Be a Lasting Legacy

Planned giving is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy that will have a positive impact on the lives of children, families and their communities for years to come.

What is a legacy gift? This is a gift to a charity or non-profit organization in your Will. It can take the form of property, cash, or a percentage of your total estate. Legacy gifts play a key role in supporting charitable organizations on an ongoing basis, and provide tax benefits.

Charitable bequests, also known as legacy gifts, can be designated in two ways. You can leave a lump-sum cash amount to an organization of your choice.

These gifts are given separately when you pass away, and are not included in your residual estate (everything that's left after debts/taxes are paid and specific gifts are distributed).

OR

You may choose to leave a percentage of your residual (remaining) estate to a charity. The organization will receive the cash value of the distribution you gave them from your overall estate.

Learn more: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/legacy-gifts/>



Reduce...Reuse...Recycle... Raise Money for Charity

It's always a good time to consider the environment. Instead of tossing those gently used items, why not consider repurposing them? You can sell your unwanted items online and help a charity of your choosing through a new online platform Giverise.ca – a new way to fundraise.

What sets Giverise.ca apart from the other buy and sell platforms is that vendors must designate a charity of their choosing as a beneficiary of at least 5% of their sales. Vendors can opt to donate more than 5% of their sales if they wish to do so. There is no fee for using the platform either as a shopper or as a vendor.

Catholic School Advisory Councils and Student Councils, as well as individuals, are invited to consider signing on to this new platform as a way of generating revenue for local initiatives, as well as supporting a local charity. Naturally we hope that many will consider designating The Angel Foundation for Learning as the charity they will support throughout the year.

Schools may also wish to consider using this as an opportunity for senior students in need of community service hours. With adult supervision, students could assist with photographing items, writing descriptions and helping to post items/information to your vendor site.

A Winning Initiative

- Your school council will win by being able to raise funds year round with minimal effort.
- The charity of your choice will win by receiving a percentage of your sales.
- The environment will win by having fewer useable items ending up in landfills.
- Those who sell items, or donate items for sale by their school council, will benefit by getting rid of unwanted new and gently used items.
- And students could benefit from the opportunity to potentially earn community service hours by helping out with local GiveRise sites.

Discover GiveRise.ca



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Raise Money for Charity

Learn more about this new marketplace platform here: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/giverise/> and start selling.

A special thank you to those who signed up during the GiveRise Challenge to raise funds for the Angel Foundation. The challenge continues through to June 27th and we look forward to hearing about the winners.

CanadaHelps Introduces an Option to Donate Crypto Currency

According to a recent poll conducted by KPMG, 13% of Canadians have purchased crypto assets such as Bitcoin or Ether, the two most popular digital currencies. Among the biggest investors are younger Canadians, with 24% of 18 to 24 year olds having purchased crypto assets. CanadaHelps now makes it easy for you to provide your donors with a safe and clear process to donate cryptocurrency.

As of May 2022, CanadaHelps has launched the ability for donors to donate Bitcoin (BTC) and Ether (ETH) to all charities including The Angel Foundation for Learning. To donate crypto currency, click here:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/cryptocurrency/10997/donate>

Thank You to our Sponsors

So much of our work could not happen without the support of the many corporate donors/sponsors/partners who participate in and/or sponsor our events, provide community grants or donate cash or merchandise to help with our fundraising efforts.

As we wrap up this school year, we want to express our sincere gratitude to the following for their support throughout the year:

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