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A FOND FAREWELL TO AFL

It is with mixed emotions that I write this final message as Chair of The Angel Foundation for Learning.

After serving as a member of the Board of Directors since 2008, it has been a privilege and an honour to also serve as Chair for many of my years with AFL.

I have marvelled at how far the Foundation has come during those years, both in terms of the increased needs among our students and their families, and in the incredible response to those needs from our compassionate and generous donors and corporate partners and sponsors.

During the past two years, as we all tried to navigate through the lockdowns and economic fall out of the global pandemic, we saw a record number of requests for assistance from families who were struggling to provide basic necessities for their children due to job loss, illness and other emergencies. At the same time, the Foundation, with a lot of creativity and commitment, was able to also generate a record amount of funding so that nobody was turned away when they asked for help.

Despite the end to the lockdowns and gradual return to normal routines, soaring prices for accommodations, groceries and other essentials have disproportionately impacted those who were already struggling, and we will continue to see an escalation in the requests for assistance in the near future.

The 2021-2022 school year also saw a huge influx of students and families from Ukraine, and recognizing the need for additional support, AFL was quick to commit a minimum of \$50,000 to help those fleeing the conflict and coming to Toronto in search of a new and better life.

Throughout all these new challenges, the profile of The Angel Foundation has also grown tremendously

as more and more people become aware of the important work that is being done to support student success and well-being.

There are so many people to thank for making my time with AFL so memorable and rewarding. First and foremost, I extend my gratitude to the Toronto Catholic District School Board for supporting the Foundation, and to the many caring and compassionate staff, students and families who continue to give so generously throughout the year by participating in the many fundraising events and initiatives, many of which are highlighted in this report. My appreciation also goes out to my fellow volunteer Board members, who have provided a tremendous amount of leadership and guidance to ensure that the Foundation remained responsive and relevant to the needs in our community. This includes the student representatives who ensure that the changing needs of their peers remain at the forefront of our efforts. I am also extremely grateful to the many partners and corporate sponsors who provide both financial and in kind support for many of our fundraising activities.

Thank you all for an amazing year where so much has been accomplished. I will carry the many joyful memories of my time with AFL with me, and of course I will continue to lend my support to the Foundation's activities whenever I can.

As I leave the Board of Directors, I am confident in the knowledge that they, along with the dedicated AFL staff, will carry on this incredible legacy of commitment and caring for the children and families who are experiencing difficulties. I know that you will all continue to work together to support student nutrition, and respond to the diverse needs of children and families in Toronto so that all students have an opportunity to soar.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Murdocca".

Nancy Murdocca, Chair



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RECORD BREAKING DONATIONS HELP KEEP PACE WITH DEMANDS

The 2021-2022 school year definitely set some new records for The Angel Foundation for Learning; both in terms of the outpouring of support from individual donors and corporate sponsors, and in the rapid escalation of requests for assistance from students and families across the City of Toronto. Although the pandemic is behind us and life appeared to be returning to normal by the latter half of the year, many families continued to struggle with rising costs for food, clothing, accommodation and other basic essentials. It was only through the continued generosity of AFL supporters that we were able to keep pace with the increased demand.

We are truly grateful to have been able to provide much needed support to those experiencing hardships through:

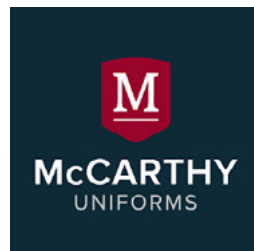
- \$6,614,993 to support In School Student Nutrition Programs
- \$1,654,000 in grocery cards to help provide nutritious meals and snacks to students learning remotely
- \$68,900 in vouchers to help with the purchase of school apparel for 371 students (special thanks to McCarthy's for donating funds to support this program)
- \$22,620 in vouchers to offset the cost of application fees for Ontario Colleges and Universities for 185 students (funded in part through grants from the Toronto Rotary Club and the Stait Family Fund).
- \$93,697 in Social Work Emergency Funds supported 837 students with a wide variety of needs
- \$17,196 through the Reliable Life Fund helped 51 students with the cost of specialized items such as eye glasses and hearing aids
- \$24,560 supported 46 students through AFL's Extreme Needs Fund which is intended to help families when catastrophic circumstances arise
- \$2,339 was used to help talented students through the Art Fund
- \$37,450 was used to assist 85 newcomer students through the Loretto Fund for newcomers
- \$21,851 was distributed in Camp Funds, enabling 130 students to participate in sports and other after school, Christmas, March Break and Summer Camp programs

CELEBRATING THE ANGELS AMONG US

We always say that not all angels have wings, but all who support us are helping our students soar. There are so many donors and partners to thank for the outpouring of support they provided throughout the year, which allows us to continue to say yes to all requests for assistance. These angels included:

- Johnson Insurance, who sponsored our first three online 50-50 raffles, in addition to supporting our in person events.
- The Stait Family Fund and the Toronto Rotary Club, which provided grants to help offset the cost of our Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education (aka The Peggy Project) which provides vouchers to cover the application fees to college or university for students for whom these costs are a barrier to the pursuit of higher education.
- MLSE (Toronto Marlies) for their many donations to our auctions and raffles throughout the year
- TD Securities, which through the Underwriting Hope Campaign, provides funding to help students through our Extreme Family Needs program.
- Lebovic Golf Club for once again sponsoring our annual Charity Golf Day, one of the few in person events we have been able to hold in the past year.
- McCarthy Uniforms which donated funds to offset the cost of purchasing and distributing vouchers for student uniforms and school apparel.

Please visit our website for a complete list of all our corporate partners <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/our-donors/>



STUDENT NUTRITION HEROES

Celebrating Volunteers

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 to the volunteer coordinators and their teams of helpers. Student Nutrition Programs could not happen without these dedicated individuals. The winners of our draw were: Loretto College, St. Mary Catholic Academy, St. Albert and St. John the Evangelist.



Deborah Barbon,
St. Albert



Lucy Martins
St. John the Evangelist



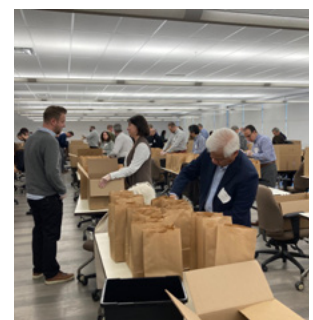
Emily Causi, Loretto College



Giovanna Maieron, St Mary Catholic Academy

Toonies for Tummies

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 Chair 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, received and distributed the healthy snacks to students. The Grocery Foundation helps to fund over 5,000 nutrition programs across Canada. Last year close to \$300K and approximately 100 schools were supported through the Toonies for Tummies campaign.



ANGELS ARE EVERYWHERE

The Angel Foundation for Learning could not do all that we do without the help of the many TCDSB school communities, and individuals and organizations who hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year to support our work. Here are just a few of the highlights from 2021-2022:

In response to the large influx of students escaping the conflict in Ukraine, Trustee Markus de Domenico decided to direct the proceeds from his annual Ward 2 Emerging Young Artists competition, art show and silent auction to support The Angel Foundation for Learning's Loretto Fund for Newcomers. This event raised more than \$1,000.



St Michael's Choir School donated \$865 raised through their local 50-50 draw to support AFL.



CSLIT (Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team) and the Central A-Team coordinated the sale of Easter baskets. Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of these amazing student leaders, AFL received a donation of \$1,400.



CUPE 1280 (representing Toronto Catholic District School Board Facilities, Maintenance and Warehouse staff) presented AFL with a cheque for \$1,412.50 to support newcomers. The funds were raised through a raffle and individual donations from its members.



We were 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 was matched by the Foundation so that Loretto College can enhance access to technology for all students.



John Yan with Annalisa Mazzeo and Principal Erica Wilston.

ANGELS ARE EVERYWHERE

Helping Hands During the Holidays

Twenty-one families received a surprise delivery of gifts from the angels at Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic School for Christmas. We thank the school for reaching out to The Angel Foundation for Learning for assistance with bringing their Advent/Christmas project to fruition. It could not have been possible without the leadership of the TCDSB Social Work Department who helped to identify the families, provide guidance as to what the needs were for each family, as well as coordinating the pick up and delivery of the gifts.



Tristan, Anna-Marie, Abigail, Olivia and Isabela from Msgr Fraser's SAL program donated the proceeds of their Pop Up Christmas Market to The Angel

Foundation. Their unique and beautiful hand made creations raised \$400.

Trail of Hearts Arts donated \$400 to The Angel Foundation, raised from the sale of cards created with crocheted ornaments.

Spreading Joy

Students from St. Aidan Catholic School created beautiful Valentine's Day cards (right) for the seniors and staff at Shepherd Village in their community.



The beautiful messages from these angels let those at the retirement home know that "You are loved". More than 120 cards were created. The annual **Giving Tuesday** campaign brought in approximately \$3,400 for the Foundation, including a \$500 donation from the angels at St Victor Catholic School.

Hockey Pool

A huge thank you to TCDSB Trustee Frank D'Amico for initiating a hockey pool and raising \$1,240+ for AFLToronto. Congrats to Beau, the 2022 champion, who won himself a 55" television, and thanks to all who participated in this fundraiser.



The TCDSB Superintendent's Association donated \$250 on behalf of each of the 10 retiring superintendents, former Associate Director and former Director.



The Holy Trinity School donated more than \$1,800 to The Angel Foundation for Learning. Under the leadership of teachers Frank Severino and Timothy Martin, the grade 7 students ran the Caine's Arcade, a popular initiative that provides hours of entertainment and fun for everyone at the school.

FUN AND GAMES

Give and Get Back Promotions were held throughout the year to raise awareness and funds. For Halloween, donors contributed \$1,500 and in return received a surprise treat as a thank you. Our **November auction** was a resounding success, raising more than \$2,400. In an effort to brighten the mood in the new year, we held another give and get back promotion inviting our angels to make a small donation and receive a winter sports themed mug donated by Indigo Yorkdale and a little treat to enjoy. This **Warm Up to Winter** promotion brought in almost \$4,000 in just a couple of weeks.

Toonie Tuesday Fundraiser was held in February to mark 02-22-22. This special fundraiser brought in close to \$20,000.

Pizza Giveaway: All who donated during Lent were rewarded with a coupon for a free large pizza thanks to a donation of gift vouchers from Pizza Nova. This promotion brought in \$2,000.



Mother's Day Flower Sale: AFL partnered with Thornhill Florist, who donated 20% of their flower sales from AFL supporters, which resulted in a donation of approximately \$170.

May the 4th Be With You. This fun-filled annual Civvies Day raised more than \$10,000.

National Burger Day was celebrated with a giveaway of coupons for a free burger or sandwich courtesy of Harvey's.

Charity Golf Day

Lebovic Golf Club sponsored this annual in person fundraising event, with support from other corporate partners. We raised a record \$46,000 and participants had a wonderful time.



50-50 Raffles

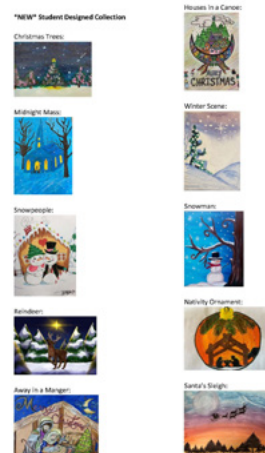
The Angel Foundation for Learning was pleased to receive permission from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to run online 50-50 raffles. Jackpot draws were held in March and in June, with prizes of more than \$11,000 and \$13,000 awarded respectively. This new "fun-raising" initiative has bolstered our fundraising efforts and we have continued with these raffles into the 2022-2023 school year.

Added in "cent"ive: To entice more participants to the Cents Off program, AFL began bi-weekly draws for prize packs from among all who are signed up for cents off their pay cheques.



Christmas Card sales are always a hit, and last year we asked students to help create our cards. The winners of our contest were:

Mafalda, Gloria, Vann and Mikaela from St Mary CA, Emily, from Annunciation, Bawei from St Anne, Stephanie from Loretto College, Shelsy from St. Francis Xavier and Maiara and Madison from Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton.



HELPING STUDENTS PURSUE THEIR POST-SECONDARY DREAMS

More Than \$40,000 in Awards and Bursaries Distributed by The Angel Foundation for Learning

The Angel Foundation for Learning awarded more than \$40,000 in awards and bursaries to graduating students, and elementary schools this year.

New this year was the introduction of a bursary for Indigenous Youth. Jacob Bisson and Janice Sanderson-Wilson were the first recipients of the \$5,000 bursary, which was presented at the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration held on June 21, 2022.



Four students received the Tom Leon Student Bursary, valued at \$5,000 each: Quincy Okafor, Chloe Causi, Shana Abraham and Ava Chau.



We are immensely grateful for the partnership of the Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education Department for co-funding the new bursary for Indigenous students. This year, we not only granted an unprecedented number of bursaries and awards, but also received a record number of deserving

applicants, which made final selections extremely difficult for our review panels. We take great pride in knowing that our Bursary and Award program continues to support the post-secondary aspirations of at least some students across the City of Toronto.

We also thank Connie Leon and the Leon Family, as well as other donors who continue to support these bursaries for students who are facing financial challenges.

Other Award and Bursary winners included:

- Bacchelli Family Bursary – Naomi Ibama
- Exceptional Student Bursary – Khayouri Johnson
- Mary Jane McKeen Bursary – Joy Ogbonna
- Murdocca Family Literacy Bursary – Leon Li
- TANDIA Bursary – Jayla Houston
- AFL Music Bursary – Joshua Manrique
- AFL Visual Arts Bursary – Erica Barrientos and Amy Yan Zhou
- Spirit of Inclusion Award – Jahliyan Price and Nanterre Evangelista

Breaking Down Barriers

Student leaders had identified the high cost of application fees to college and university as a barrier to some students pursuing post-secondary studies. In the 2021-2022 school year we were happy to provide \$22,620 in vouchers to offset the cost of application fees for 185 students. Our thanks to the Toronto Rotary Club and the Stait Family Fund for providing grants to help with this endeavour.

OUR TEAM OF ANGELS

AFL Board of Directors

2021-2022

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Stephanie De Castro, TCDSB Student Trustee

Julissa Perez, CSLIT

Nicole Boye, CSLIT

John Yan, Executive Director

AFL Staff Here to Serve

We were excited to welcome Ivonne Kartarahardja as our new Finance and Accounting Officer, who joined our team early in 2022 and Shayna McNall who joined us in the fall of 2022 as our new Communications and Outreach Officer. Their unique skills, energy and enthusiasm will go a long way to furthering the goals of AFL.



(L-R: Sherry Pearson, Shayna McNall, Emmy Szekeres Milne, John Yan, Iris Martinez, Tashian Licorish, Angela Olmstead, Ivonne Kartarahardja.)

Student Voice

A warm welcome to David Beshai from St John Paul II, who was elected by his peers in the spring of 2022. He has joined Stephanie de Castro as student trustee for 2022-23. We look forward to working with both of them in the year ahead. Our best wishes to departing student trustee Keith Baybayon for continued success in his post-secondary studies and beyond. Thank you Keith for your service on the AFL Board, and for all you did for your fellow students throughout your term!



AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended August 31, 2022

	Unrestricted Fund \$	Restricted Fund \$	Total 2022 \$	Total 2021 \$
Revenue				
Grants	7,644,550	-	7,644,550	8,305,795
Donations	1,127,563	-	1,127,563	782,864
Fundraising events	356,196	-	356,196	72,279
Interest	13,457	5,846	19,303	122
	<u>9,141,766</u>	<u>5,846</u>	<u>9,147,612</u>	<u>9,161,060</u>
Expenditures				
Program	9,180,128	-	9,180,128	5,848,187
Fundraising	12,752	-	12,752	4,464
Office	88,399	-	88,399	6,155
Salaries and benefits	456,416	-	456,416	416,792
Professional fees	14,716	-	14,716	49,005
	<u>9,752,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,752,411</u>	<u>6,324,603</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	(610,645)	5,846	(604,799)	2,836,457
Transfer between funds	(261,484)	261,484	-	-
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>3,308,734</u>	<u>910,150</u>	<u>4,218,884</u>	<u>1,382,427</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>2,436,605</u>	<u>1,177,480</u>	<u>3,614,085</u>	<u>4,218,884</u>