



September 2023



Looking Forward to Another Great Year Ahead

We are truly excited to start a new school year with everyone in the TCDSB community. A special welcome goes out to the many new angels among us--new staff, new students and families, as well as volunteers.

For those who are new to the Board, let's begin by telling you a bit about the Angel Foundation for Learning, an official charity of the TCDSB. We exist solely to support in school student nutrition programs, and to help students who are experiencing financial challenges with everything from food and school apparel to hearing aids and eye glasses, and from student bursaries to school allocations and camp funds to ensure that no student is left behind when it comes to educational experiences and leadership opportunities. We rely on the continued generosity of the TCDSB community, as well as our many corporate partners and sponsors, whose support and participation in events enables us to help students soar. You will be hearing from us regularly about the many opportunities to help the Foundation in a variety of ways.

To recap some recent activity (June 1-August 31, 2023), thanks to our donors, we were able to support students with: Arts Fund \$735, Extreme Needs Funds \$3,568.58, Loretto Fund for Newcomers \$3,072.83, Reliable Life Fund \$2,147.49, Camp Fund \$1,408.50, Social Work Emergency Fund \$11,910.54 and Peggy Project \$11,000 (to offset the cost of application fees to Ontario colleges and universities), School Allocation Expense \$500, \$1,900 in vouchers for school uniforms and Awards & Bursaries totalling \$48,518 for a total of \$82,860.94. In addition, \$237,600 in grocery cards were sent out over the summer to support students in various programs during July and August including: virtual learners, students with multiple exceptionalities and those in the Focus on Youth programs.

We are grateful for all who contributed through a variety of system-wide and local fundraising initiatives, including: AFL Fundraising Total \$67,290.14 (MLSE \$22,738, Raffle & Auction \$31,900.14, Charity Golf Day \$12,652), the ongoing Cents Off campaign \$5,824.07, general donations \$23,143.99 as well as targeted donations of \$39,000 including a \$25,000 grant from the Basilian Fathers at St Mike's University of Toronto specifically to support the School Allocations Fund for the 2023-2024 school year, and local school fundraising totaling \$9,988.04. We received \$49,738 in Awards & bursaries revenue (from FOY).

With your continued support and involvement it is sure to be an incredible year for all students.



Check out these two Angels from St Mary CA and Michael Power-St Joseph volunteering at the recent Walk to End Suicide.

The Jackpot Continues to Climb

You could be the next big winner of the cash prize draw on **October 6th**. The last winner took home a cash prize of just over \$30,000. Congratulations to the winners of our early bird draws: A. Chua won a 65" tv and B. Alves won a Nespresso Virtuo Next. One early bird prize remains, with draw happening **September 29th**. Don't miss your chance to win.

<https://angelfoundation.rafflenexus.com/>



It's Time to Believe in Angels

Believe in Angels Week November 27th to December 1st invites everyone to support AFL. We have five thematic days mapped out and hope that everyone across the TCDSB will consider participating in one or more activities during that week to help raise awareness and funds for the Angel Foundation: Movie Monday, Toonie Tuesday (also Giving Tuesday), Walking/Wheeling Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Festive Friday. Check out some ideas on our website: angelfoundationforlearning.org/believe-in-angels-week/



Believe in Angels Week culminates with the **Snow Ball Gala: An Evening to Feed Dreams on Friday, December 1st**. Visit angelfoundationforlearning.org/afl-gala/ for event and ticket information and sponsorship opportunities. Early bird pricing in effect until Thanksgiving.



Special Thanks

AFL is grateful to the **Basilian Fathers of University of St Michael's College** for providing a grant of \$25,000 specifically for the School Allocations Fund to ensure that financial challenges do not prevent students from participating in field trips, leadership opportunities and extra-curricular educational experiences. The Foundation also extends sincere appreciation to the **Segal Family Foundation** for their donation of \$2,500 and the **Pledgling Foundation** for their donations totalling more than \$4,200.



Just before the end of the school year, AFL received a special surprise as Lina Gikas came by the CEC to present a cheque for \$1,000 from the **Arbor Memorial Foundation**.

MLSE Supports AFL

A huge shout out to MLSE for offering AFL supporters a special discount code for all Toronto Argonaut home games. There are just a few games left in the regular season. Your ticket purchased here <https://am.ticketmaster.com/argonauts/promotional-page?filterType=NjU3> saves you up to 25% on the regular ticket price, and **MLSE** will donate \$5 from each ticket sold to The Angel Foundation. **Let's go Argos!**

A poster for MLSE's discounted offer for Toronto Argonauts games. It features a blue background with a football player in a blue jersey. The text "DISCOUNTED OFFER" is at the top. Below it, "THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING" is written. The main text says "GET UP TO 25% OFF THE FOLLOWING TORONTO ARGONAUTS GAMES:". Below this, there is a table of games with logos for the opposing teams. At the bottom, it says "For Additional Information or to book a group of 10 or more, Please Contact: VANESSA.TELLEZ@MLSE.COM or 416-815-2297".

Game	Date	Time	Opponent
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH	7:00 PM	VS. HAMILTON	Hamilton Tiger-Cats
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH	7:00 PM	VS. OTTAWA	Ottawa Redblacks
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09TH	1:00 PM	VS. MONTREAL	Montreal Alouettes
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 06TH	7:00 PM	VS. EDMONTON	Edmonton Elks
MONDAY, JULY 03RD	7:00 PM	VS. BC	BC Lions
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH	7:30 PM	VS. CALGARY	Calgary Stampeders
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD	7:00 PM	VS. HAMILTON	Hamilton Tiger-Cats
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH	7:00 PM	VS. OTTAWA	Ottawa Redblacks

Watch for more information coming soon from **MLSE** including offers from Raptors905 and the Toronto Marlies.

Be an Angel Among Us: Start an A-Team at Your School

Last year, we had approximately 10 schools initiate A-Teams, and we are hoping to have one established at every secondary school this year. We are also aiming to invite one or more elementary schools to pilot A-Teams.



What is an A-Team? A team of angels who will lead the charge with philanthropy and giving back, whether that be financially or through acts of service.

Your Local A- Team could:

- Inspire others in the school community to help others locally across the TCDSB, and in the wider community.
- Initiate fundraising initiatives for The Angel Foundation for Learning or other worthwhile charities.
- Raise awareness about the work of the Angel Foundation.
- Share photos and stories about the great work your A-Team and other groups in your school are doing to make a positive difference in your school, your parish, your city.

Not sure how to get started? Contact us at angel.foundation@tcdsb.org and a member of our team will get in touch with all the information and resources you need. Visit our website for details: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/join-the-a-team/>

Once an Angel, Always an Angel

We invite everyone to stay in touch. Follow us on our social media platforms:

- <https://twitter.com/AFLToronto>
- <https://www.instagram.com/angelfoundationforlearning/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/angelfoundationforlearning>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/83950371/admin/feed/posts/>
- <https://www.threads.net/@angelfoundationforlearning>

Recently retired? Join our email distribution list:
<https://form.jotform.com/231783703488061>

Are you a TCDSB graduate? Sign up to receive updates:
<https://form.jotform.com/231863499523062>

You can opt in to receive only the information that is of interest to you whether that be volunteer opportunities, raffles, contests, special events or quarterly newsletters. We will only send you the information that you request and you can notify us at any time if you change your mind and no longer want the information.



40 IS THE NEW 20



The need for funding is greater now than ever before. Only 20% of TCDSB Staff are signed up for CENTS OFF. At 40% we would double the number of students we help every year. Sign up now with the QR code for a chance to win.

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40 is the New 20

Did you know that currently just 20% of all eligible staff have opted in to Cents Off their pay cheques in support of The Angel Foundation for Learning? Let's double that to 40% so we can help twice as many students throughout the year.

What is Cents Off? When you opt in, literally just a few pennies will be deducted from each pay cheque throughout the year, which can amount to as little as 2 cents, with an occasional maximum deduction of no more than 99 cents. You won't even notice the difference in your take home pay, but our students will definitely notice as all those pennies will add up to huge support for those who need assistance.

Did you know you could win a prize every two weeks just for signing up? AFL is continuing the tradition of bi-weekly draws for a prize pack, and we will also be holding up to three grand prize draws annually. You have to be signed up in order to automatically be entered into the bi-weekly draws as well as the grand prize draws. Never has your help been needed as much as it is today. Opt in by scanning the QR code and **Let's make 40 the new 20!**

Congratulations to Recent Winners

Cents Off Grand Prize Draw: Brendan from St Agatha won a 43" tv, Tania from St Basil won a Soda Stream and Kathryn from St Paschal Baylon took home a Mr Coffee machine and two travel mugs.

Golf Early Bird Draw: Nari won a 55" tv, Alex won a propane powered pizza oven and Paul won a Nespresso machine.

Spring Raffle--The cash jackpot climbed to more than \$60,000, with one lucky winner, R. Lupiani taking half. Early bird winners were: T. Vittori who won a television, L. Memmo who won a propane powered pizza oven, A. Mongillo who won a \$250 gift card pack and L. Grella who won a \$500 Best Buy gift card.

School Awards: Congratulations to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School, winner of the AFL Library Award in Honour of Kathy Harding (below right), and St. Roch Catholic School, winner of the George Ermellini Literacy Award (below left). Each school received \$1,000 to help purchase books and other literacy resources.



Spring Hockey Pool

Our sincere thanks to Trustee Frank D'Amico for donating \$2,400 to the AFL, which was raised through the hockey pool held last spring.



Sponsors and Golfers Team Up to Help AFL

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the many sponsors, our hosts at Lebovic Golf Club and all the participants in our Charity Golf Day for helping us to raise more than \$40,000 for urgent student needs. A great time was had by all despite the uncooperative weather. To learn more about our sponsors: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/our-donors/>

AFL Executive Director John Yan presents Wolf Lebovic with a shirt as a thank you for once again hosting this fundraiser (below right). Our sponsors (right) and some of our many participants including school principals, staff and friends of AFL including Trustee Markus de Domenico (bottom right)

