



Thank You for Another Incredible Year of Serving Students and Families

We can't believe that another year is coming to an end. As the only charity whose sole mandate is to provide support for Student Nutrition Programs and assist TCDSB students and families who are experiencing financial hardships, The Angel Foundation for Learning is grateful to all the generous and compassionate supporters who participate in our fundraising events and initiatives throughout the year, who make donations when they can, and who volunteer to ensure the success of our programs and activities.

We know that the current cost of living in Toronto is creating challenges for everyone, and we appreciate those who continue to give what they can when they can to help those who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads or food on the table. It is this willingness to reach out to others that is the hallmark of the TCDSB community, and we are privileged to work in partnership with all of you to make a positive impact on the lives of so many students and families.

A special thank you to our amazing sponsors who help us with our events, and who support the various funds that exist to assist those who need it most. In particular we want to acknowledge our new supporting sponsor, **belairdirect**, whose contribution to a number of initiatives will ensure their continued success. We also thank the **CIBC Foundation** for funding the Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education for 2024-2025, which helps to offset the rising cost of application fees to Ontario colleges and universities. Our sincere appreciation also goes out to **McCarthy Uniforms**, for again providing us with vouchers to help students with the cost of school uniforms. Our gratitude also to **HBNG Holborn Group**, including Maystar, Clearway and Poetry Living, who have joined us this year as major sponsors for our two largest in person events. Last but not least, our thanks to **TD Securities, Old Republic Canada, MLSE, TECT** and **TSU** and all our other sponsors who support special events or help top up some of our existing Guardian Angel Funds. Check them out here: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/our-donors/>



As everyone begins to look forward to some well deserved time off to rest up and rejuvenate, we wish all of the Angels Among Us the very best for the summer and beyond. Can't wait to see you all again in September!

SNP Volunteers Always Make Us Proud

The many volunteers who devote their time to ensuring that students receive nutritious meals and snacks each and every day are true heroes in our books. This is the third year that we have been celebrating these incredible individuals without whom our student nutrition programs could not operate. The winners of this year's nutrition month draw were: Sandra Rebelo from St Maurice, Nada Iesho from St Jane Frances and Shawna Faught and Laura Tarpey from Francis Libermann. Thank you to these dedicated individuals who greet each student with a smile and who contribute so much to their school communities. We extend our appreciation to them, and to all of the amazing volunteers in our Student Nutrition Programs for everything they do to support student success and well-being.



AFL's Spring Fling: A New Way to Raise Funds for Students

As Spring arrived, AFL tried a new type of event; a Spring Fling Pub Night. Thanks to Nickel9 Distillery, who sponsored the event, AFL was able to raise more than \$3,600 for urgent student needs.

A great time was had by all as guests were treated to tasty refreshments and an assortment of beverages, and a live performance by the talented band, Discount, from Michael Power St Joseph Catholic Secondary School who entertained the audience with some classic tunes by Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire and other well known songs. Guests also had a chance at winning door prizes, and to take advantage of great deals on a wide range of items in our silent auction.



We hope that this can be added to our roster of regular fundraising events, as we continue to explore other ideas to bring the community together.



Win Some Cash for Your Summer Holidays

Our next 50-50 Raffle Draw takes place on June 19th. You need to have a ticket to be eligible to win the cash prize. Our most recent winner took home a cash prize of close to \$18,000. Ticket sales close at noon on July 19th. Early bird draw June 10th.



Our thanks to belairdirect, the sponsor of our raffle. Net proceeds from the 50-50 draw will be used to help students get a good start to the upcoming school year. Get your tickets online here: <https://angelfoundation.rafflenexus.com/>

May the 4th Civvies Day; Still a Favourite Fundraiser



Once again the call went out to everyone in the federation to support AFL through a Civvies Day fundraiser celebrating all things Star Wars. Troopers from across the Board got into the spirit, dressing up as their favourite characters and donating their Loonies and Toonies to the Angel Foundation. We are so grateful to all who participated in this annual event, as well as other schools who held Civvies Days at different times during the year for the same great cause. Any school that has not yet sent in their funds, please send cheques to us at 80 Sheppard Ave East.

Get Your Game On

AFL is excited to see the return of the annual charity golf tournament to Glen Eagle Golf Club on July 4th, without any of the restrictions of recent years.

Golfers will enjoy a day of golfing and socializing including a buffet breakfast, sit down lunch with all participants, a silent auction, door prizes, hole in one contest and putting contest.

Very few tickets remain, so avoid disappointment and get yours before they are all gone. <https://www.jotform.com/form/240376623238255>.

Non-golfers aren't being left out as we are able to offer a limited number of luncheon only tickets. Join your colleagues for lunch, putting contest, silent auction and door prizes. Get yours before we run out: <https://form.jotform.com/240383801408250>

We would be remiss if we did not extend our appreciation to our sponsors and donors: HBNG, Poetry Living, Clearway, belairdirect, McCarthy, MLSE, Edge Imaging, World's Finest Chocolates, Allegion, Canadian Air Tech Systems, DunPar Roofing, TECT, TSU, Baker Tilly, Nickel9, Dell, Schneider/APC, Clintar Commercial Outdoor Services, StellarHiRise Mechanical, Carmichael Engineering and Westown Mazda.

**ARE ALL YOUR
BOXES TICKED?**



Sign Up for Cents Off for a Chance to Win

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 every year.

What is Cents Off?

Opt in, and 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.

Our grand prize draw is coming up June 12th with three great prizes. You have to be signed up in order to automatically be entered into the bi-weekly draws as well as the grand prize draws. **Already signed up? Check your pay stub. If you don't see the deduction, please sign up again.**

Never has your help been needed as much as it is today. <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/cents-off-program/>

THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

SUMMER AUCTION

MAY 27TH - JUNE 7TH 2024

Sporting Life

Family Fun

Home and Garden

Jewellery

Pick up family experiences, sports memorabilia, household items and more at our summer auction May 27th through to June 7th.



Our thanks to the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team for donating the net proceeds from the sale of CSLIT hoodies to AFL. They are amazing examples of the many angels among us.



BECOME AN ANGEL AMONG US



Donate Online ANYTIME



Host a fundraiser at your school

Sign up as a vendor on GiveRise online marketplace and donate a portion of your sales to AFL



Donate your old car to AFL via Donate Your Car Canada



Take in a TFC or Argos game with AFL's discount promo code

Participate in special events throughout the year (in person events, online events and contests, and raffles)



There are So Many Ways to Help the Angel Foundation for Learning Support Students in Need

- Sell your unwanted items on GiveRise and designate AFL as your charity of choice: <https://giverise.ca/vendors-and-fundraisers/>
- Donate your old vehicle and receive a tax receipt <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/donate-your-car/>
- Use the AFL promo code for Argos and TFC games and save money on the tickets, and MLSE will donate a few dollars from each ticket sold to AFL <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/discounted-sports-tickets/>
- Participate in our in person or online fundraisers throughout the year, or host your own event.
- Retirees <https://form.jotform.com/231783703488061> and alumni <https://form.jotform.com/231863499523062> are invited to sign up for our email distribution list.n
- Donate anytime via CanadaHelps <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/donate/> or by sending an etransfer to angel.foundation@tcdsb.org.
- Follow us on social media (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook).

How Your Donations Have Helped

Since our last newsletter, your donations have provided support for students in the areas of:

- Camp Fund - \$395
- Extreme Needs Funds - \$6,000
- Loretto Fund for Newcomers - \$5,000
- Reliable Life Fund - \$2,158.75
- Social Work Emergency Fund - \$9,950
- School Allocation Expense - \$12,539

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge

The Contest is open to all charities registered with the Canada Revenue Agency and CanadaHelps.org. For every donation during the period of June 1 to June 30, 2024, through the CanadaHelps website, The Angel Foundation for Learning will automatically receive one (1) entry into the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. Two charities will receive \$10,000 each. Individuals who donate \$10 or more are eligible to win prizes as well.

Welcome belairdirect as a Bronze Sponsor of AFL

Did you know that by supporting belairdirect you are also supporting AFL's efforts to feed hungry students?

Look no further for exclusive group savings



Toronto Catholic District School Board employees can receive exclusive home and car insurance savings and enhanced coverages.

belairdirect.
car and home insurance

Certain conditions, eligibility requirements, limitations and exclusions apply to all offers. Visit belairdirect.com for more details. Offers may change without notice. We offer car insurance and home insurance in Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island and home insurance only in British Columbia. © 2023, Belair Insurance Company Inc. All rights reserved.

Dear Friends

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well in the beautiful month of June. June in the Northern Hemisphere is really a month of nature's splendour and in our world of the students we serve, it is indeed a time of fruition and a time for us to take stock of our gratitude to of all of you who have helped the Angel Foundation in significant ways both small and large.

The Angel Foundation often notes the #AngelsAmongUs in its weekly updates and social media posts. It is the wide variety of support that makes this entire community of Angel Friends one that is very special because all of you decide to express your care and concern for the kids of TCDSB. So thank you school staff (secretaries, care-takers and teachers alike) for noticing where there is a need and in some cases following up with colleagues such as administration and others to make sure a social worker became aware of a family in crisis. Thank you to the special caring adults who nominated a student for an award of recognition. Kids need to be noticed and celebrated for their talents. Thanks also for your support of nutrition programs and especially for the volunteers who tirelessly coordinate and deliver morning meals across the system – it is the local, day-to-day moments like these that emphasize our care which is always rooted in the gospel message and it is through your charism of special gifts that you change lives every day in our schools.

We also take stock of our thanks in the ways so much financial support is offered through your participation in 50/50 draws, online silent auctions or attending events such as the recent Pub Night at Nickel 9 Distillery. I have to tell you though that in my time as Executive Director, I have learned that fundraisers are about more than “raising funds”. They raise awareness, joy, and relationships and renew everyone for the brighter days of hope ahead for all of our students – you can't beat the power of community. Thank you for your goodwill and support. I feel very fortunate in my role, and I am honoured by that responsibility.

Have a wonderful summer of peace and renewal with those you love!

PS. In the fall, lookout for a new way to give through payroll – coming soon... Angel Advocate... Blessings. JW

Congratulations to Recent Award Winners

AFL board members past and present were on hand for the annual TCDSB Awards Night in May to celebrate the recognition of The Grocery Foundation with the Friends of Catholic Education Award in acknowledgement of their longstanding partnership in the fight against childhood hunger. (top right).

AFL was also delighted to see our own former Chair Nancy Murdocca receive recognition for providing tremendous leadership as head of our volunteer board of directors for so many years, as well as celebrating her many years of service to TCDSB students as a dedicated social worker. She received an Award of Merit to acknowledge all that she has done for children and youth throughout her career. AFL was proud to nominate Nancy and the Grocery Foundation for their contribution to the health and well-being of children and youth. They truly are all Angels Among Us.

