



Thank you for another incredible year!

As another school year winds down, all of us at The Angel Foundation for Learning have hearts full of gratitude for the support that we received throughout 2025-2026. As we continued to witness the rapid escalation of needs among students and families, we also saw an outpouring of kindness and compassion from staff and families, as well as our many partners in the community.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in one of our fundraising events, made a donation, signed up for Cents Off their paycheques or hosted a local fundraiser in support of AFL. Recognizing that not everyone is in a position to donate, we also express our sincere gratitude to the many who volunteer their time to help out in their schools, parishes and neighbourhoods, and those who share information about the work of the AFL and helping to raise awareness.

A special thank you goes out to the Government of Canada, the City of Toronto, ShareLife and the Hodgson Family Foundation for providing some much needed funding to enable us to expand student nutrition programs to more school sites this year. More on the impact of this funding later in this newsletter.

And a final note of gratitude to some of our incredible sponsors, particularly belairdirect, MLSE, TECT, TSU, CUPE1328, TCPVA, CIBC, RBC Wealth Management, TD Underwriting Hope, McCarthy's, CPIC, the Loretto Sisters, the Basilian Fathers, Nickel 9 Distillery and Dell and Schneider/AP who support so many of our initiatives throughout the year, and to the F.K. Morrow Foundation for helping to support our most vulnerable students through their grant for the Reliable Life Fund. Please check out all our donors and sponsors on our website. <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/our-donors/>.

In these uncertain times, we rely on the generosity of the many angels in our community to help us so that we in turn can help all the students and families who come to us for assistance.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and relaxing summer.

SAVE THE DATE!

The AFL Gala is happening on
Friday, November 28, 2025.

We hope to see many of you there.

For details and ticket information,
check out our website:
<https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/afl-gala/>

Know of any businesses
who might be interested in joining
us as sponsors or donating to our
silent auction?

Email us at
angel.foundation@tcdsb.org

Celebrating our Student Nutrition Program Heroes

As we do annually, we invited schools to share photos and write ups about their SNP volunteers during nutrition month in March, and we did a random draw and visited four of the schools who participated to present these dedicated individuals for their commitment to student health and well-being. It's a great way to celebrate these angels as part of volunteer appreciation month. This year, we were pleased to visit: Monica George at St Mother Teresa (below left), Paula Furtado at St Anthony (below right), Tamara Rodriguez at St Francis Xavier (bottom left) and the team of Carlo Cassano and Mary Ariganello Araujo at St Oscar Romero (bottom right). Thank you to them, and to all the volunteers who ensure that students have access to healthy meals and snacks every day.



Other SNP Volunteers Hard at Work

We also give a shout out to all our hardworking volunteers who share their work with us throughout the year, including Brebeuf where exceptional students help to run the program (bottom left), St Maurice (bottom right) where Sandra Rebelo and her team held a pasta fundraiser to support the school's SNP and the many volunteers who coordinated or supported the annual Big Cunch (centre). Our hats off to each and every one of you!





Great News for SNPs: 13 New Programs Open in 2025

2025 started with tremendous excitement as 7 new student nutrition programs opened thanks to additional funding received through the Government of Canada and the City of Toronto. Thanks to this new funding, programs were launched at (top left to botto right): Venerable John Merlini, The Divine Infant, St Malachy, Nativity of Our Lord, St Mary of the Angels, St Victor and Josyf Cardinal Slipyj.

Soon after, AFL was pleased to learn that ShareLife (Archdiocese of Toronto) was donating \$50,000 to support student nutrition programs and the Hodgson Family Foundation also granted the Foundation \$8,000 for SNPs. These additional funds were used to support nutrition programs at 6 TCDSB sites: St. Margherita of Citta Di Castillo, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Our Lady of Peace, St. John, St. Michael Choir and St. Elizabeth.

We understand that there may be further expansion planned for the fall of 2025. We look forward to the day when every student in every school is able to participate in a student nutrition program.

Everyone involved in student nutrition understands the direct correlation between good nutrition and success in school. A well fed child is more focused and better prepared to learn. We also know it takes a village, and we are truly grateful for the three levels of government who are taking that responsibility seriously by funding these critical programs for children and youth. We are also thankful for the other angels in our community, other charitable foundations, TCDSB staff and families, and our many corporate partners who understand the impact that their donations and involvement make to the lives of our students.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, is invited to do so online at <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/donate/>



Angels Among Us

AFL was proud to nominate Metro Toronto Convention Centre for TCDSB's Friends of Catholic Education Award. MTCC has been helping to support our fight against hunger and poverty by donating surplus healthy food and beverages, and sometimes simply tasty treats and other items, to schools across the City. With the help of Community Relations Officer, David Letra, these donations make their way to schools in priority neighbourhoods to help feed not just students, but often the food is sent home to families in need.

The Foundation is truly thankful for their partnership in helping to feed hungry kids and families.



On hand for the awards presentation were AFL Chair Don Walker and David Letra.

Tennis Fundraiser

AFL thanks Jonathan Grossi from St Rose of Lima and Beyond the Baseline for hosting a March break tennis tournament fundraiser in support of AFL. Thanks to those who participated, resulting in a \$500 donation for urgent student needs.

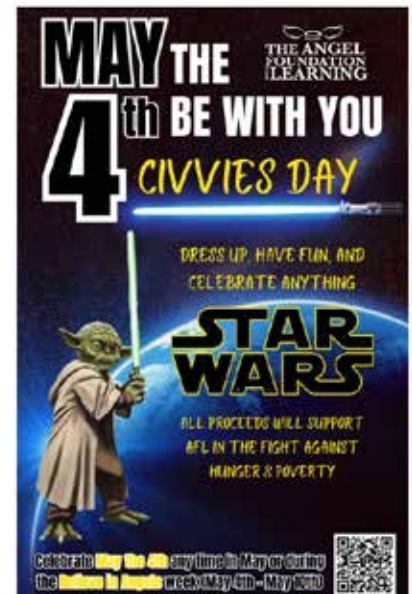


Believe in Angels Week

May the 4th Be With You Fundraiser

Our appreciation is also extended to everyone in the TCDSB community who participated in Believe in Angels Week. In particular, we thank those who held May the 4th Be With You Civvies Day Fundraisers.

The totals are still coming in, but to date we received over \$15,000 which is absolutely incredible! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us raise funds for urgent student needs.



Creative Kids Helping Kids The smallest of angels can make a real difference

A special thanks goes out to the crochet club at St. Leo Catholic School for raising \$200 for us through a recent fundraising featuring handcrafted items made lovingly by the students. This totally warms our hearts.



We are immensely grateful for all the support that we receive from school communities through acts of kindness just like this.

belairdirect Renews Support

Our sincere thanks to belairdirect for renewing their annual commitment to AFL as a supporting sponsor to the tune of \$60,000 for the rebranded belairdirect bursary for newcomer students, the social work emergency fund and the ATeam student leadership initiative as well as their support of our raffles, auctions, Gala and Golf events. They are a great example of corporate generosity and stewardship.



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Welcome to our Newest Angels

AFL extends a warm welcome to the newest members of our team. Given the recent expansion and future growth of the Student Nutrition Programs, Luisa Polidoro and Cecilia Frank are incredible additions to the AFL team to support the many SNPs in TCDSB schools.

We also welcome Angela Neuman from belairdirect to our volunteer board of directors. She brings a wealth of experience and has always been a great supporter of the work of the Angel Foundation both personally and professionally.

Where Your Donations Went

At the AFL, we take great pride in the fact that our administrative costs remain extremely low in comparison to most charities. That is of course due in large part to the generous support of the TCDSB who recognizes that all our work goes to helping students across the Board.

Since March, through individual and corporate donations and our various fundraisers, we were able to support TCDSB students in a variety of ways:

- School allocations so all students benefit from excursions: \$8,650
- Bursaries, awards, and youth programming (ATeam): \$28,000
- Arts Fund: \$ 200
- Camp Fund: \$ 1,892
- Extreme Needs: \$ 3,785
- Loretto Fund for Newcomers: \$8,580
- Reliable Life Fund: \$ 4,122
- Social Work Emergency Fund: \$15,550
- PLUS we continued to provide vouchers for uniforms and college application fees.

NEW THIS YEAR!

AFL is participating in the Toronto Waterfront Marathon Oct 18, 2025

Show Your Support:

- **Make a donation to our team or one of our team members**
- **Sign up and join our team on the 5k walk/run**
- **Sign up your own team in support of AFL for either the in person or virtual marathon**

[Donate here.](#)

AFL's Spring Fling is an Annual Affair

Our sincere thanks to Chris Jacks and Nickel 9 Distillery for once again sponsoring our Spring Fling Pub Night, and to the DanceBeatles for providing the entertainment for the evening. We also thank Clear Images School Photography for donating the photo booth which added to the fun. Thanks to all who came out to support this evening, helping us to raise close to \$3,000. Hope to see more people come out to celebrate with us next year on Friday, April 24th.



Please Continue to Support the Angel Foundation

Our Year End Fundraisers:

50-50 Raffle is underway now, the grand prize draw happens June 26th; with the next early bird draw on June 13th. Get your tickets here <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/angelfoundation-summer>.

Sign Up for Cents Off for a Chance at Our Grand Prize Draw June 23rd

Stay signed up for a chance to win some gift cards to start your summer. Just a few pennies every two weeks is all you pay, and those pennies add up to huge support for students in need.

<https://form.jotform.com/82823432802251>

Score Some Great Stuff in our Year End Online Auction -- Until June 22nd

<https://auction.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>.

Lots of family fun experiences and staycation ideas, gift cards, household items, sports merchandise and more to be had.