

Durham Catholic

Children's
Foundation



Providing Help. Creating Hope.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2022





About the

Durham Catholic Children's Foundation

Recognizing the importance of supporting the whole student in mind, body, and spirit to foster positive learning outcomes, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation (DCCF) was established to support students and families in need.

In 2021, we hired a Foundation Coordinator who together with the Board of Directors and Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) staff organizes our signature fundraising events and donor contributions.

The Foundation enables a formal mechanism for coordinating charitable initiatives and raising funds that benefit students across the Durham Catholic District School Board.

With recommendations from DCDSB administrators and staff, the Foundation contributes to student well-being and achievement through financial support in crisis situations and the provision of basic needs to the most vulnerable children and families in our Catholic community.

Our Mission

To bring hope to students in need.

Our Vision

A Catholic community that supports students in becoming who they are called to be.

Message from the Foundation's Chair



Due to the worldwide pandemic, it has been a few years since our last report. However, during this time, the Foundation has continued in its efforts to support our students.

In the Parable of Talents, (Matthew 25:14-30), we are reminded that God has given all of us unique gifts for building and supporting our Catholic Community. These wonderful gifts of time, talents and treasure have been donated by our many volunteers. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) staff, families and sponsors who support the vision and the work of the Foundation.

This year we had two major fund-raising events. Our first Virtual Gala that raised \$12,000 and our annual Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic that again raised over \$17,500. Since its launch in 2017, the Foundation has already provided \$228,500 in much needed assistance to support the children in our system.

Thanks to everyone involved in raising funds as well as local initiatives organized within DCDSB schools and administrative offices.

On behalf of the Durham Catholic Foundation Board of Directors, I extend our gratitude to our donors and sponsors for their generosity and Christian giving spirit.

Sincerely,

Stan Karwowski

Chair, Durham Catholic Children's Foundation

IMPACT

\$300,000

Since its launch in 2017, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation has raised over **\$300,000** for students and families in need.

\$194,567

From 2019-2021, **\$194,567** in funds has been directed to our **Family Assistance Program**.

This program supports students and families through the purchase of food, clothing, medication and medical equipment, school activities, transportation, gift cards, and much more.

\$27,000

\$27,000 has been awarded to students as part of our Bursary program. This program provides financial assistant for students on a post-secondary pathway that demonstrate financial need.



One DCDSB Principal stated, “**We had a young lady whose house was on fire. Because of the generosity and support of the foundation, we were able to help replace a lot of what was missing. The student was able to not worry about how her family was going to survive, and came to school more regularly and ended up graduating**”.



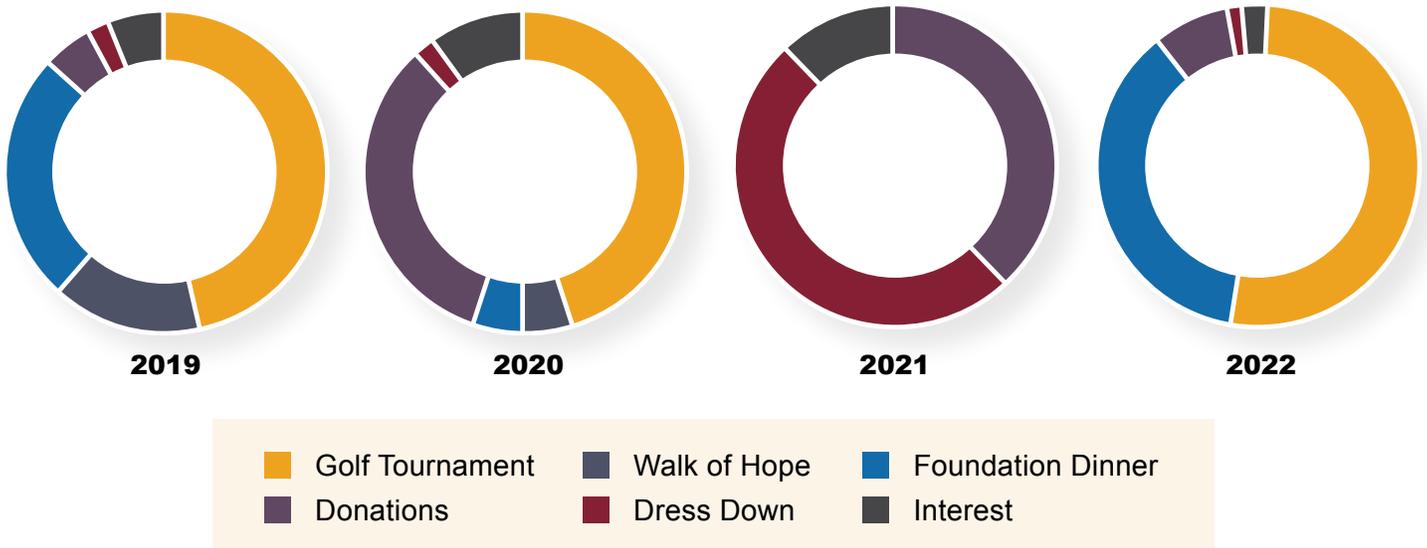
Scan the QR Code to watch the full video about our Impact.

Foundation Revenue

2019 to 2022

Funds are raised through the Foundation's signature events, including the Foundation Gala, Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic and Community Walk/Run for Hope. Due to the worldwide pandemic in 2020 and 2021,

some events were canceled, but donations and sponsorships continued to be received. Through events like these, we engage our Catholic learning communities, partners, and families in the spirit of hope, love, and charity.



Revenue	2019	2020	2021	2022
Golf Tournament	69,559	13,600	0	17,570
Walk of Hope	22,441	1,500	0	0
Foundation Dinner	37,390	1,650	0	12,312
Donations	9,592	10,420	2,835	2,912
Dress Down	2,014	230	3,680	120
Interest	9,639	2,954	910	451
Total	150,634	30,354	7,425	33,365

6th Annual Gala

On May 2, 2019, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board hosted the 6th Annual Foundation Gala. Over 350 guests attended the event honouring the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Nguyen, 2019 Durham Catholic Distinguished Alumni and Walter Heeney, recipient of the 2019 Community Service Award. Guest speaker, Paul Ranger, former NHL player and DCDSB graduate shared his insight on his community outreach and advocacy for mental health.



\$37,390 Raised

Community Walk/Run for Hope



\$22,441 Raised



Students, families, and staff participated in the annual 2.5 or 5K Community Walk/Run for Hope in May 2019 at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School.

Annual Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic sold out with more than 200 guests attending golf and the dinner.



\$69,559 Raised



2020 COVID-19

Giving Back to Durham Catholic Students and Families

In March 2020, the spread of COVID-19 forced the world to shut down.

Through 2020-2021, the impact of the pandemic became apparent as our healthcare systems, schools, businesses, and charities suffered. Like many other charities, the pandemic negatively impacted the Foundation's ability to host fundraising events and secure sponsorships.

Despite these setbacks, the Foundation still managed to support students and families in Durham Region. In 2020 alone, over \$70,000 was distributed to students and families in need through our Family Assistance Program. In addition to this, \$9,000 was awarded to deserving students who were pursuing post-secondary education through our Bursary Program.

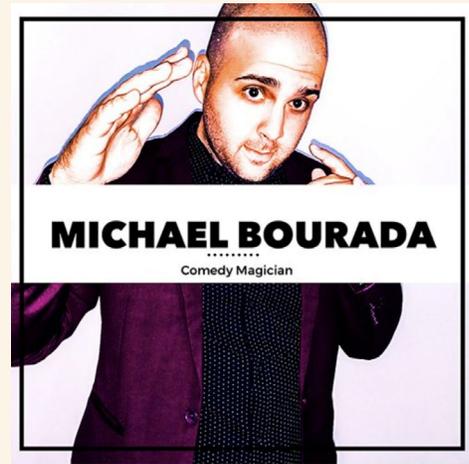
Although the pandemic reduced fundraising opportunities, the Foundation persevered with the support of generous donors and strategic planning. Through these experiences, the Foundation has shown resilience and adaptability through its ability to pivot to virtual fundraising and social media campaigns.

The Foundation has continued to forge a path of growth in 2022, by hosting both virtual and in person events to maximize fundraising potential. Students and families throughout Durham region can continue to rely on the Foundation as a source of support and strength through trying times.

2022

Virtual Gala

On May 6, 2022, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation hosted its first ever Virtual Gala. After two years of minimal fundraising events due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the committee decided a virtual gala would be the best opportunity to share updates about the Foundation, connect with community members and raise funds. The night included door prizes, entertainment by world renown magician, Michael Bourada, a stellar line up of items in our silent auction and finally our Distinguished Catholic Alumni Awards.



\$12,311 Raised



The foundation sold an outstanding 125 tickets to the event and received donations from over 50 vendors across Durham Region and the GTA. A total of \$12,311.86 was raised in one night, and funds went towards the Family Assistance Program that supports students and families in need throughout our school communities.

This would not have been possible without sponsors who supported the Foundation through donations for the silent auction. A special thank you to the Gold Level Sponsors who generously donated \$1000: Andy Geddes from BMO Financial Wealth Management and Jackie McVeigh. For a full list of sponsors, please visit the foundation's website at durhamcatholicfoundation.ca

BMO

Andy Geddes



Jackie McVeigh

Individual Donor



Throughout the year, the Foundation hosts events and donation campaigns. For the latest news, information and upcoming events or ways to donate, subscribe to the foundation's website at durhamcatholicfoundation.ca/subscribe

2022

Golf Tournament



The 7th Annual #ForeTheKids Golf Classic ran another successful event this year with 194 golfers, over 230 dinner guests along with our generous sponsors, \$17,570 was raised to support Durham Catholic children and families.

The event took place on August 23, 2022, at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Golfers enjoyed having lunch together and then played either 18 or 9 holes on the beautiful Deer Creek courses, while enjoying ice cream and beverages during their game. The day concluded with a delicious three course meal and prizes awarded to the Best Foursome, the Most Honest Foursome, the longest and straightest drive. The evening also included raffle prizes, a 50/50 draw and silent auction full of great items donated by our generous donors. A special thank you to our sponsors who contributed to this year's event in various ways. A list of our sponsors can be found at durhamcatholicfoundation.ca/Sponsors

Plans are already underway for the 8th Annual #ForeTheKids Golf Classic which will take place on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – we hope to see you there! durhamcatholicfoundation.ca/golf



\$17,570 Raised



Ways to Give

It is your donations that help make the world a kinder place, by supporting Durham Catholic District School Board students in need achieve their full potential and success. Since 2017, over \$300,000 has been disbursed to students and families in need throughout Durham Region.

Donors can donate in various ways by visiting the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation website at durhamcatholicfoundation.org/waystodonate

In the fall of 2022, the Foundation launched two new ways for the public to donate.

Tribute Fund Donation

You can celebrate a special person who is near and dear to your heart by making a donation in their honour. A card will be sent to your honouree to acknowledge your thoughtful gift.

Making tribute gifts in honour of celebrations and special occasions is also a wonderful way to honour someone who has experience a big step in life's journey. Milestones such as:

- Thank an Educator
- Retirement
- Christmas
- Graduation
- Birthday



Scan the QR code to make a Tribute Donation.

Legacy Fund Donation

Pay tribute to a friend or loved one's life with a gift in their memory. Your legacy gift will ensure that students in need are given supports such as clothing, food, and medical supplies so they can achieve success and meet their full potential.

A card will be sent to the next of kin to acknowledge your thoughtful gift.



Scan the QR code to make a Legacy Donation.



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