

Background Information

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is the largest school board in Canada and as the arm's length charitable foundation of such, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) is entrusted with helping many children

In 1998, the TFSS grew out of the recognized need to assist Toronto students in reaching their full academic and social capability. It was decided that the TFSS would focus initially on continuing and expanding nutrition programs and that a wider range of programs would be developed as additional funding was obtained.

In 2008, Ontario was called the child poverty capital of Canada, regrettably making Toronto the child poverty capital within Ontario. In our wealthy city of Toronto, more than 36% of our children live in poverty. The most recent United Way report outlined that the average family income in our city is \$10,000 below the provincial average. One in three of our children lives in poverty.

Many of these same children come to school hungry. A recent survey conducted by the TDSB revealed that 41% of our children come to school without having eaten breakfast. We know that we are not reaching all our hungry secondary students. We know many nutrition programs forgo milk to stretch their money and cannot afford the cost of fresh fruits and vegetables which are crucial components required to meet the nutritional needs of our children. Although, the TFSS helps support over 600 breakfast, lunch and snack programs which feed over 110,000 children each school day, there is still much work to do.

Add to hunger the other family stresses that poverty brings. Many of these same families are new to Canada and are also struggling with the associated challenges of adapting to a new culture and often a new language. Compounding that in thousands of cases are children who cannot see the blackboard or who cannot hear their teacher. The Sprott Asset Management Gift of Sight and Sound program offers Vision, Hearing & Speech Screening clinics in 109 of our neediest schools, enabling us to provide services for 18,676 children.

Having nowhere to go after school and experiencing hunger, poverty and frustration often leads to anti-social behaviour or hopelessness. The *beyond 3:30* initiative is provided in one of the places that the children trust most, their local school. Over 800 children are participating in this after school program which is offered to middle school children in low-income communities and focuses on healthy lifestyles, physical activities, food preparation training and nutrition studies. In addition, the students are tutored and mentored by older students. This teaches them how to channel aggressive behaviours into positive actions, helps to develop social skills and increases self esteem.

If education is the great economic and social leveller, we absolutely must ensure our children in Toronto are ready and able to learn each day. Students under stress have difficulty learning – students under extreme stress cannot learn. Some of our students do not have enough to eat, some are living in minimal shelter and some experience violence in their homes.

Still the kids are struggling...



MISSION

We are the Toronto Foundation for Student Success.
We exist to help students succeed.
We help feed students, addressing issues of poverty,
hunger and poor nutrition, and their effect on education.
We continually search for new ways to help children
overcome barriers to success in school.
We are advocates for children, lobbying and acting on their behalf.

VISION

The Foundation will identify and initiate programs to deal with the
hunger, poverty and violence experienced by our students.
The Foundation will act as an advocate for students.

We will work in partnership to bring together the resources, energy & enthusiasm of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments, the TDSB, Education Workers (Teachers, School Staff), Families, Concerned Corporations, other NGO's, private individuals and the many diverse communities within Toronto.

The goal of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success is to support the mission of the Toronto District School Board to:

*Enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to
acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to
become responsible members of a democratic society.*

The TFSS is the arm's length charitable foundation of the TDSB. Of funds raised for nutrition programs, a full 100 % goes directly to feeding hungry children. For all other programs less than 5% is applied to administration costs.

Charitable Registration Number: CRN # 88903 6455 RR0001

Fact Sheet

“We will assist our students to benefit physically, emotionally and intellectually from each school day.”

The Toronto Foundation for Student Success:

- is a registered charitable foundation;
- operates at arm’s length from the Toronto District School Board;
- is managed by a board of directors;
- receives guidance from Honorary Advisors, representative of the Toronto community;
- understands that one out of every five Toronto District School Board students comes to school with special circumstances that can affect learning and impede academic success;
- operates with the knowledge that students under stress have difficulty learning, and students under extreme stress cannot learn.

Historically, the area boards which now comprise the Toronto District School Board have had a long-term commitment to innovative programs which improve the learning environment for students. Together with our partners in the community and the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success intends to build on these existing programs and develop unique new ways to facilitate the academic success of students. The Foundation will explore ideas for creative, non-traditional projects outside the regular instructional program, aimed at supporting the desire of students to learn. The Foundation will use its resources to contribute to a climate for learning in which students can be successful.

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