

Getting Involved



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Making a lasting difference Building Brighter Tomorrows

Endowment

We are excited to announce the support of retired and present staff who have chosen to make a difference in the lives of Halton students through the establishment of Endowment Funds that will continue to grow and create a legacy in their memory.

We invite you to join this special group of legacy donors to create a legacy of your own. Legacy gifts provide lasting benefits for students tailored to your financial situation and can bring you and your family tax benefits.

"From the start, I considered my students my family. Through this endowment donation I want to encourage and help some young people to get a better education with less financial stress. I also want to encourage others to find some way to contribute back to society. How this is done will differ with each individual. Supporting students is one way that I can support society. Giving back is what helps society to grow and improve."

John Horner, Retired Educator

"I hope that the Student Volunteering Abroad Bursary fund will continue to grow and that it could come to support students from other Halton schools not just Milton District High School. The depth of understanding students gain through volunteering in helping situations is invaluable. Giving back and sharing become a permanent part of their value structure."

Fran Lloyd, Retired Educator

"In honour of my husband Neil I have established the Neil J Guiry Construction Bursary to support a senior Halton District School Board student in an Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). Neil was actively involved in encouraging students to get involved in the trades. He would do what he could to help them, to show them that there is a future in the trades."

Pat Guiry, Social Worker

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A Remarkable Year



Supporting Students Strengthening Schools

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Key Achievements



I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you; our donors, sponsors and supporters. The recession of 2008-09 created significant challenges for many. On a daily basis, we are encountering an increase in the number of students and families who are facing a broad range of difficulties.

Fortunately, you and our donor community continues to recognize the importance of supporting children in Halton region. As a result, together we have had a direct impact on an increasing number of students, in an ever-expanding number of ways, as detailed in this report.

When you choose to help our children have the best possible learning experiences, you are enriching their lives, preparing them to become independent adults and helping them to build their future.

Thank you for sharing in the vision of the Halton Learning Foundation.

Sincerely,
Susan Busby, Chair

Key Achievements September 2008 – August 2009

- 1,033 students received financial assistance for basic amenities like food and clothing
- Literacy Achievement Program was expanded from six to thirteen schools
- All Halton schools have been touched in some way through or by the Halton Learning Foundation; whether through a direct grant to a school or through a regionally based program
- Established an Endowment Fund totalling \$162,000
- Implemented On-line donations
- Experienced significant growth in third party events on behalf of the Foundation

Barriers Funding \$174,210	Enrichment Funds \$116,140	Scholarships \$20,950
Student Emergency Funds 56%	Arts and Music 15%	HLF Scholarships 38%
Literacy 25%	Environment 51%	External Community Scholarships 45%
Nutrition 19%	Technology 22%	Named Scholarships 17%
	Healthy Active Living 12%	

Supporting Students, Strengthening Schools

Number of Students	49,756
Number of elementary schools	79
Number of secondary schools	16

Schools located in:

- Acton
- Georgetown
- Milton
- Burlington
- Oakville



Eliminating Barriers

Halton Learning Foundation exists to acquire and allocate resources to enrich educational opportunities and eliminate barriers to learning for Halton District School Board students.

Eliminating Barriers

"You can't take away some of the baggage that kids carry...but you can take away the split running shoes, the no winter coat, the hungry feeling they come to school with." **Bob Tadman, Principal**

"It is people like you that make a tremendous difference in whether children learn selfishness or selflessness and generosity. Thank you for being a guardian angel to my children." **Parent**

"Thank you for helping me by giving me clothes for co-op, it really came in handy. I think it is excellent that there are people and companies out there that can help youth get some help when its needed to help them finish their education." **Student**

"For many of us in Halton Region our primary concern is whether students who wish to go to University or College can afford it. Upon learning that numerous teenage students in Halton, due to unfortunate family circumstances etc., actually struggle to finance themselves through high school came as a surprise and motivated us to take action. Contributing to the Halton Learning Foundation's Barriers program was a way for our family to indirectly help some students get through high school in a more dignified manner and with a little less financial hardship. The challenges these disadvantaged high school students face and the perseverance with which they tackle these challenges is quite amazing, and typically unknown to most of us."

Ralf Soeder
WSC Insurance Group



"Strengthening schools and supporting students are philosophies we share with Halton Learning Foundation. By supporting programs like Barriers to Learning we demonstrate our corporate support to educate our youth and prepare them for the future."

Jane Holmes, Vice President of Corporate Affairs
WEG



"Many students have been the recipients of Barriers funding which has allowed them to take part in a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. Too often a lack of basic funds kept students from participating." **Nigel Scott, Vice Principal**

"Thank you so much for the donations that allowed my child to participate in the milk and hot lunch programs. I am also grateful for the donation of a winter coat for my daughter." **Parent**

"To be without food and without money has such a negative impact on your spirit. We're giving them the tangibles so that the intangible spirit is there for them with their education. Without this Foundation that would not be possible." **Marg Parsons, Retired Principal**

"We at Charity of Hope were certainly touched by the letter that you shared with us when we met to see where the funds could go. It is very important for us to know that children do not lose hope and see the light. The Halton Learning Foundation does this in so many different ways; whether it is providing food cards, literacy programs, bursaries and breakfast programs. We at the Charity of Hope want so much for children to grow and be happy and have the necessary things that so many take for granted."

Lynn Mercanti
Charity of Hope



Top Five Requests for Barriers Emergency Funding

1. Food
2. Clothing
3. Bus Passes (secondary students)
4. School Supplies
5. Needs related to family situations (family break-up, domestic violence, homelessness, house fires)



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Enriching Opportunities



Enriching Student Experiences

...the fitness equipment has motivated them to be more active. It has also helped to encourage students to work cooperatively with peers and show good sportsmanship while playing games.

...the soundboard presents some advance technology in sound reinforcement and design, allowing students to be exposed to up-to-date technology and real world examples if they decide to pursue a career in live sound.

...the camcorder has added a whole new dimension to the learning experience for life skills students.

...the children are thrilled! Each student is now able to appreciate the different timbres from the different barred instruments each week.

...the grant made this project so much more enjoyable and the equipment motivated the students during this labour intensive task. They felt like professionals.

"The bass drums' bigger sound helps us to be more involved in the music making and the bass drums make you want to dance!" **Grade 4 student**

...the students who are not able to afford to own or rent a new instrument are able to share the new instruments and feel like they are making a comparable and more positive contribution to the ensemble's tone.

...due to the financial situation in our community many outside school activities are cost prohibitive for our families. It is for this reason that we have sought the support of the Halton Learning Foundation to purchase guitars and we were able to rock with Tom Thomson's Guitar Power!

"The values I learned through organizing the TREE conference will stay with me for years to come." **High School student**

...besides providing habitat for species of special concern, the garden has provided woodshop students with the opportunity to practice their skills while leaving a legacy. It could be used as a teaching tool in Ecology, Biology, Art or English.

...not only are the tools a springboard to engaging hands on activities, but also they allow us to explore literacy and numeracy connections to each activity.

"Giving back to our communities is a source of pride and differentiation for us at TD. It's incredibly important to us that we do our part to strengthen communities and positively impact the lives of the people who live in them. At TD, our focus is on three pillars: Children's health, education and literacy and the environment. There is no project that we have funded through the Halton South Chapter of TD Friends of the Environment that exemplifies these three pillars better than the Bronte Creek Project. Having seen first hand the impact this environmental educational program has on the youth of Halton, it is clearly satisfying to provide funding to enable this type of endeavour to continue."



Ruth A. Lee, Branch Manager
TD Canada Trust

"Honeywell understands the value Halton Learning Foundation brings to the community, home to many of our employees and their children. Our involvement allows us to better understand the challenges faced by the school board which enables us to develop complementary solutions to support quality education."



Luis Rodrigues, Vice President
Energy Solutions for Honeywell Building Solutions

The Centre for Skills Development & Training is proud to be a sponsor of the Halton Learning Foundation. We believe that quality public education for everyone in our community is the key to continued economic prosperity. Through The Centre, the Halton District School Board provides employment and training programs to more than 50,000 adults annually. Working with the Halton Learning Foundation means that we can extend our reach to include children and youth in Halton schools.

Kathy Mills, CAO
The Centre for Skills Development & Training



"For Catalyst Foundation, investing in Halton's schools and students is a strategic way to see our young people begin to dream the dreams that will make them future leaders in our community and around the world. We are often inspired by the thoughtful, selfless, and bold stories we hear and are able to participate in."

Chris Wignall
Executive Director

