



Halton
Learning
Foundation

Eliminating Financial Barriers to Education

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023



“The Halton District School Board is committed to providing an inclusive and equitable learning environment that supports the success and well-being of all students. Our partnership with the Halton Learning Foundation helps ensure that students who face financial barriers have access to basic necessities and opportunities that can help them stay focused and engaged in school. Together, we can help every student learn, grow and inspire.”

**Curtis Ennis, Director of Education,
Halton District School Board**



THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and HLF's CEO Marc Clare



With student trustees at HDSB Parent Involvement Conference



Sunrise Yoga in the Park in support of HLF



Celebration for outgoing CEO Lesley Mansfield.



Collaboration with HDSB Welcome Centre.

ABOUT THE HALTON LEARNING FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION:

To provide HDSB students with opportunities to reach their potential through financial support that removes educational barriers and increases equity.

OUR VISION:

All HDSB students have financial support to realize their potential.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND CEO



BOB ELLIOT
CHAIR

Earlier this year, HLF said goodbye to longtime CEO Lesley Mansfield and welcomed a new era under the leadership of Marc Clare.

As highlighted in the CEO's message, HLF has set its sights on a bold, three-year strategic plan aimed at expanding the organization's capacity to serve a larger number of HDSB students. With Marc's exceptional fundraising and philanthropic background, the Board recognized him as the perfect individual to take the helm and steer HLF towards a promising future.

I know HLF will achieve great things under Marc's guidance, and our Board is committed to supporting him and his team on this journey.



MARC CLARE
CEO

It has been a privilege to serve as the CEO of HLF for the past several months. I have had the pleasure of getting to know our dedicated staff and Board, and many individuals throughout the HDSB and Halton communities who share our unwavering commitment to supporting student success.

The students and families we serve continue to be challenged by the impacts of high inflation, unaffordable housing, and world events that force people to move to Canada unprepared. As a result, demand for our Eliminating Barriers program has increased 62% in the past two years, and we expect that upward trend to continue.

In light of this, we are implementing a new strategic plan designed to greatly expand our revenue and reach. Achieving our goals will require investing additional resources in the organization to ensure HLF's sustainability over the long term. Additionally, you can expect to see more of HLF in the community in the coming year, including at new events designed to increase awareness of our important work.

While acknowledging that challenges may lie ahead, I remain full of gratitude and optimism. I'm grateful to our donors whose unwavering support of HLF's mission enables us to provide vital assistance to students every day. I'm optimistic about our future because of the dedication and focus of our staff and Board to ensure HLF can continue to keep pace with the rising demand for student support.

I'm excited at the prospect of what we can achieve. Together, we will help significantly more students overcome the economic barriers that stand in the way of their success. From providing basic necessities and learning opportunities, to supporting graduates as they pursue post-secondary education, HLF is committed to helping kids in our community fulfill their potential and achieve their dreams.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023



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HELPING KIDS



WHEN TAXI FARE IS MORE THAN JUST A RIDE

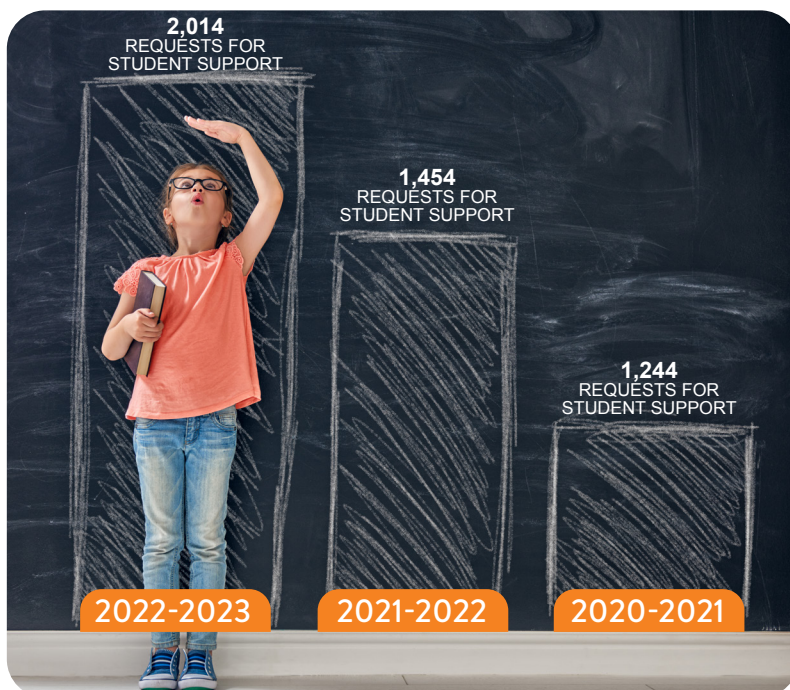
Juanita and her daughters are survivors of narcissistic abuse and domestic violence, and all three suffer from chronic health issues.

In the fall of 2023, the family secured a spot in government housing, but the location is a long and complicated bus ride away from the school that her daughters have grown to love. As the weather turned colder, the daily journey became unbearable.

Changing schools this year was not a viable option. Juanita says her daughters' school, and the friends they have made there, has been the girls' sanctuary, their therapy, and their solace from the anxiety they continue to endure as a result of their family circumstances.

Funds from HLF are subsidizing private transportation to school this winter, so the girls can continue learning in an environment that is helping them flourish.

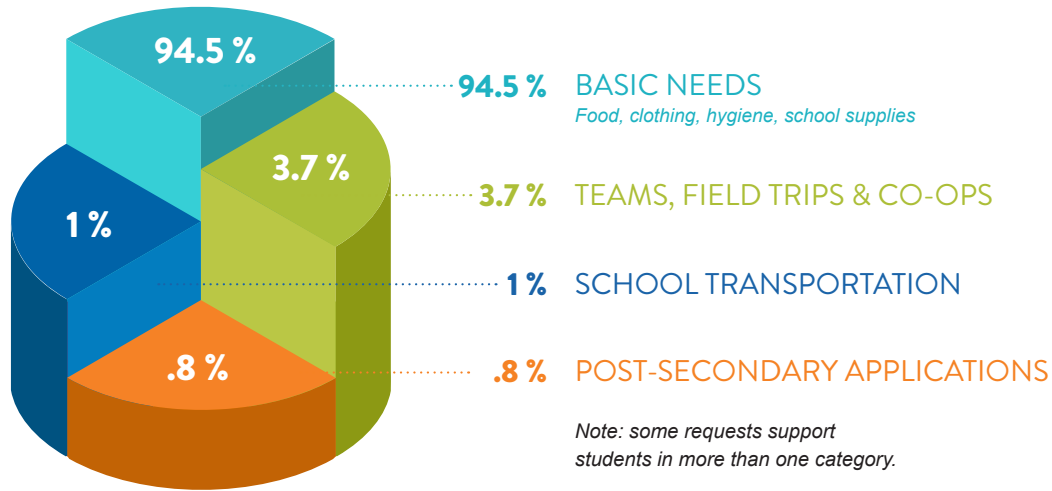
ELIMINATING BARRIERS



EMERGENCY FUNDS AND SUBSIDIES HELP KIDS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Dear Halton Learning Foundations,
Thank you for supporting our community and give us all a chance to learn. We all love to learn and try your hardest in math and we all like to learn new stuff and try some hard stuff.

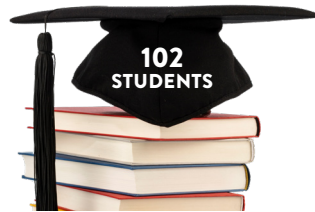
REACH THEIR POTENTIAL



SCHOLARSHIPS



2022-2023



2021-2022



2020-2021

“ With your help, I feel empowered to make a positive difference in the world and achieve my full potential. Thank you for enabling me to pursue my dreams; I promise to work hard and make the most of this opportunity. ”

2023 Scholarship Recipient

SCHOOL GRANTS

School grants provided through HLF in 2022-2023 supported 121 programs at 56 schools across the Halton District School Board. These programs reflect the following priorities of the HDSB's multi-year plan: equity and inclusion; learning and achievement; mental health and wellbeing; and Indigenous awareness.



Funds from HLF enabled MM Robinson HS students with physical and cognitive special needs to participate in bi-weekly swimming outings as part of their Community Pathways physical education class.



HLF funded woodworking materials and tools at Boyne PS, allowing students to experience practical, collaborative learning in an area of interest that connects to the curriculum and global citizenship.



An HLF grant allowed the entire community of Oakwood PS (K-5) the opportunity to visit the Ontario Science Centre and participate in various hands-on activities that explored science in a unique and fun way.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Donations & Fundraising	\$1,186,415	\$1,037,699	\$994,441
Investment Income	97,793	(12,430)	80,990
Government Grants*	n/a	2,687	44,268
TOTAL	\$1,284,208	\$1,027,956	\$1,119,699

*(Federal wage subsidy provided to HLF during the pandemic.)

INVESTING IN STUDENTS	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Eliminating Barriers	\$462,405	\$317,565	\$251,348
School Support*	189,053	157,651	93,212
Scholarships	161,724	126,092	128,525
TOTAL	\$813,182	\$601,308	\$473,085

*(School support includes school grants plus other school support.)

FOR HLF'S DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, VISIT:
HALTONLEARNINGFOUNDATION.CA/IMPACT-REPORTS-FINANCIALS/

INVESTING IN STUDENTS AND HLF

Thanks to diligent oversight by our staff and Board, along with generous in-kind support from the HDSB, HLF is able to keep our overhead costs lower than many charities. While this is a notable achievement, we believe that a charity's worth should not be measured by how little they spend on overhead, but by the positive impact of their work. Just like any for-profit business,

HLF is committed to ensuring that our staff members are compensated fairly for the valuable work they do, and that investments are made in the organization to guarantee donor convenience, data security, impact reporting and continuous innovation. These investments ensure that HLF can consistently increase our capability to offer more students in our community some financial support to succeed in learning.



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