



Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation

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Give Hope and Share a Dream

Through the compassion and generosity of its many donors, friends and advocates, the *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation*, during its first few months, has been able to issue grants to enhance the educational experience and enrich the lives of students within the Catholic school communities of Halton.

"The grants recognize the economic differences among schools and across the Board and attempts to level the playing field for students, one student at a time", explains Stan Gajewski, Executive Director of the *Foundation*. "These are the students who we serve. Although we are perceived to live in an affluent municipality, people sometimes forget that there are families who are struggling to get by."

On the recommendations of the Catholic school communities, the *Foundation* will provide assistance to students – to ensure that all are able to attend school with the basic necessities of life and are able to fully participate in all aspects of school life which are normally open to all students; and will succeed and achieve their full potential.

"Events such as our annual **Halton Catholic Charity Golf Classic**, to be hosted on **May 29** this year at the Hidden Lake Golf and Country Club and our annual celebration dinner ~ **An Evening With Bishop Crosby** on **November 7** at LeDome Banquet Centre in Oakville, enable the *Foundation* to raise money to support individual students", notes Frank Crouchman, Acting Chair of the *Foundation's* Board of Directors. "As well as renewing friendships and meeting new community members, these activities help to increase community awareness about the many needs requiring support and how individuals can give hope and share a dream of a student. Details about these opportunities to share in community camaraderie and support the *Foundation* are available by visiting the *Foundation's* website at www.hccef.org."

A charitable, not-for-profit organization, the *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation*, is funded by donations from individuals, the business community, school and Board staff and school fundraising activities. If you have some extra cash to spare and wish to give Hope and share a Dream for a student in need, please consider assisting the *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation*.

The *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation*, was officially incorporated on October 19, 2012, replacing the former *Foundation for Excellence in Catholic Education in Halton*.

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" . . . whatever you do for the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you do for me . . . "