

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



"I would like to wholeheartedly thank the CCAF for the opportunity to acquire such an amazing scholarship, it is truly an honour. This scholarship has opened many doors for me, most notably school-related, where I feel I am able to pursue my dreams and enjoy the full experience post-secondary offers. Although the scholarship is tangible, the feeling itself extends beyond to a candidly meaningful level. It brings me such joy to know that the CCAF will continue with this initiative, but also isn't content to stop there."

- Elia



Catholic
Children's Aid
FOUNDATION

Serving The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto

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OUR MISSION

Support Catholic children and families in need, through grants, programs and partnerships, while ensuring the long-term viability of the Foundation through capital preservation and inspired giving by the Catholic community.

OUR VISION

Enabled by inspired giving from the Catholic community, to grow the Foundation and increase funding to help more Catholic children and families in need to thrive - physically, spiritually and intellectually.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Catholic Children's Aid Foundation (CCAF) began operations on April 1, 2020 and we have accomplished quite a bit in our first year! As Chair, I've had the privilege of working with our CCAF Board of Directors, and I want to acknowledge the amazing leadership they have shown and work they have accomplished.

Several years ago, the decision was made by the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) to create a foundation, now the CCAF, and transfer the assets held in the Hope for Children Fund, totaling \$50.9 million.

The board hired an Executive Director, and together we started to build our Foundation during COVID-19. Our Foundation has been able to successfully set up our financials, develop a website, connect with donors, create a new process for funding, start the process to review the investment portfolio and develop a strategic and operational plan for our organization.

The Foundation continued the great work of programs under Hope for Children Fund and implemented a new process for staff to apply for funds to help families they serve. The Foundation has also created a new website to strengthen our brand, provide valuable information for families and donors, and allow for easy and secure online donation opportunities.

In September, our noteworthy Scholarship Event was held virtually. The event was of abundant significance as we received a welcome by his Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins from the Archdiocese of Toronto Collins and Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community & Social Services.

At its core, the CCAF acts to support Catholic children and families in need, offering them opportunities to succeed.

We are here to grow the Foundation, our mission is to bridge the gap between services already provided and funded by government and the child welfare sector, and to offer services truly needed to help Catholic children, youth and families thrive in all aspects of life.

I look forward to what we will accomplish in this next year!



ERIN O'BRIEN
CHAIR

CONNIE REID
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Scholarships

On September 1, 2020 the Catholic Children's Aid Foundation (CCAF) awarded 70 scholarships to youth who grew up in extended society care. These scholarships will help those youth continue their post-secondary education and ultimately achieve their long-term goals.

The CCAF has **13 endowments** and **15 named scholarships**. Donors are passionate about supporting youth to pursue a post-secondary education, but also fully realize their purpose and accomplish their aspirations. Together, the CCAF is partnering with youth to recognize their educational dreams and providing financial support to help them succeed. To donate, please visit: ccaafdn.ca/for-donors/scholarships.



COVID Relief

The CCAF received \$70,000 through the COVID-19 Response Program, Child & Family Support Fund, provided by the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada. This fund was created to help vulnerable families and children, associated presently or previously with child welfare organizations, to purchase groceries during a time of crisis.

As a result, the funding was allocated to help purchase gift cards for more than **200 families**. Homes with up to 2 children received \$250, up to 4 children received \$350 and 5 plus children received \$500 in grocery gift cards.

Christmas Program

The CCAF Christmas Program was an overwhelming success in 2020. There is nothing like seeing a spark in a child's eye at Christmas, presents are a gift in more ways than one. The Foundation offers a hearty thanks to those who worked tirelessly ensuring CCAS families had a brighter Christmas.

Each year, the Adopt-A-Family Program accepts donations in the form of gifts appropriate for children ages 0-12, or gift cards for youth ages 13-21. Everything donated impacts a child, youth or family directly. COVID-19 posed a challenge for the CCAF to get creative with Christmas programs, and with the help of wonderful donors and dedicated CCAS staff, **over 3,000 children** and youth had a nicer Christmas.



THANK YOU ERIN O'BRIEN; MORE THAN A VOLUNTEER



More than 10 years ago, Mary Catherine O'Brien recruited her daughter Erin to join the Hope for Children Foundation (HFC) Board of Directors. Erin has been a dedicated volunteer ever since!

During her time with the HFC, Erin has held several positions within the organization as well as positions with the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) and now the Catholic Children's Aid Foundation (CCAF).

Some of the dedicated and hard-working volunteer positions Erin has held include Chair of HFC and CCAS Boards, Chair of the CCAS Finance & Admin Committee, Chair of the CCAF Investment & Finance Committee, Chair of the Property Task Force Committee, Chair of the Property Committee and Chair for the creation of the CCAF and Member of the Governance & Nominating Committees for CCAS and CCAF.

Erin believes in both the mission the organization seeks to accomplish, as well as the vision through her continued support and dedication to volunteer roles.

Inspiring giving is just one of the many facets of the CCAF. During her time volunteering, Erin has given the gift of her time, and considering the many years she has volunteered and many positions she has held, this is no small feat.

Volunteers like Erin are so crucial to the integrity of the CCAS and the CCAF. Her passion keeps her involved, and the outcomes she has witnessed of those supported from the contributions of both organizations drive her to continue her efforts for Catholic children and families to thrive - physically, spiritually and intellectually.

Erin has truly been a champion for the families and youth that CCAS serves. She continues to do great work and her support and commitment are invaluable to the organization.

As her time as Chair comes to an end, the organization extends a generous thanks to Erin for her dedication to the CCAS and CCAF.

STRATEGIC/ OPERATIONAL PLAN

In March 2021, the Catholic Children's Aid Foundation (CCAF) Board met to start laying out a two to three year strategic and operational plan. During initial conversations it was determined that the plan would not pose a traditional outcome, but rather the objective would be to provide a road map of the path forward.

This road map is to be used by the staff and board members to strengthen the organization while providing clear outlines of policies and procedures.

The CCAF aims to help children, youth and families in the Catholic community to thrive. To do this, they are working to bridge the gap between services already provided and funded by government and the child welfare sector and enhance the capacity to provide services truly needed to help Catholic children, youth and families.

To do this, the CCAF needs to understand the needs of vulnerable populations and to reach these communities in meaningful ways through programs, services and support that result in direct benefits and positive impacts.

Supporting a change like this can't happen overnight; a strategic plan, a road map, will guide the way and act as a foundation to build the growth of CCAF's capacity to increase well-being for Catholic children, youth and families.

The CCAF's work is done in partnership with the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS). As it grows, CCAF will prioritize partnerships with other organizations that serve Catholic children, youth and families.

These partnerships are critical as working with the breath of diversity of social services system will allow CCAF to have a greater impact than would be achieved singularly.

CCAF mandate:

Support Catholic children and families in need.
Ensure the long-term viability of the foundation.
Inspire giving.



**Set strategic
foundation**



**Strengthen
organizational process
and procedure**



**Ensure
stewardship
of assets**



**Identify priority
population
and needs**



**Design a framework
for assessing
proposals and
evaluating impact**

FINANCIAL REPORT

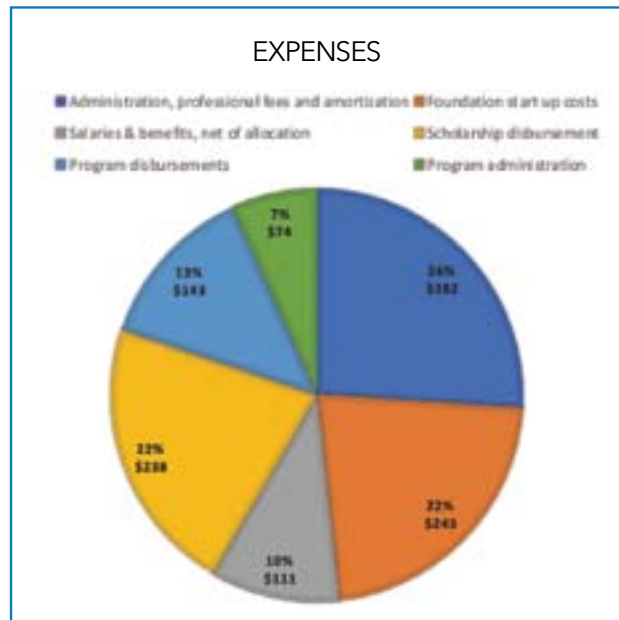
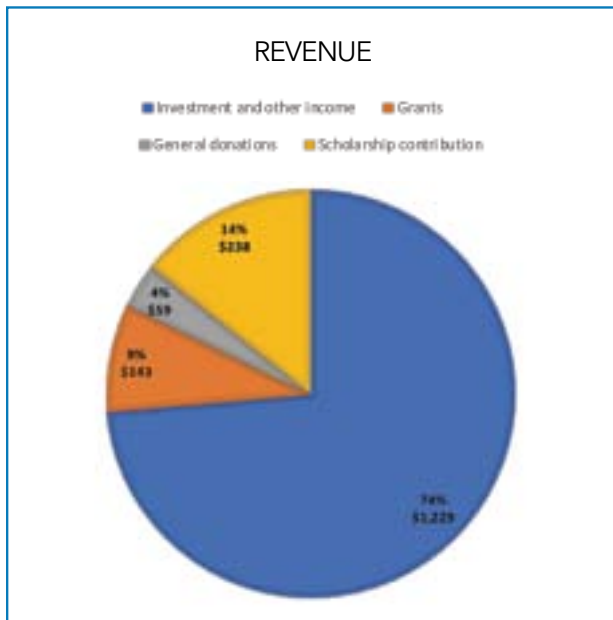
The Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) proudly announced the creation of the Catholic Children’s Aid Foundation (CCAF). The Foundation began operations on April 1, 2020. On May 15, 2019 the Foundation became a registered charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act. Previously, charitable activities were administered by the CCAS.

The CCAS is an independent corporation without share capital and has an independent board of directors. The CCAS is affiliated with the CCAF as a result of common board members between the two organizations. Both organizations entered into a gift agreement dated for September 30, 2020 where the CCAS provided CCAF with the following items gifted to help Catholic families that CCAS serves:

1. Investments at a fair value of \$28.3 million
2. Real property, including land of \$2 million and buildings with a negligible Net Book Value. The fair-market value of the properties is \$22.6 million based on an assessment from a real estate broker.

The CCAF is committed to improving services to help the most vulnerable, by ensuring all families and youth have equal opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities, summer camps and continue their post-secondary education as they see fit. As well, CCAF helps families and extended care youth with emergency needs, such as: food, housing, baby items.

Visit ccafdn.ca to view audited financial statements.



(In thousands of dollars)