

IGNITE DURHAM LEARNING FOUNDATION



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation's second impact report, a report that details the pandemic's continued economic strain on our Durham communities and how thanks to Durham District School Board educators, administrators, support staff, and through the generosity of our outstanding donors and partner agencies, we have ensured that students have the resources they need to fully participate in school life.

Although our community's dedication amazes me, it doesn't surprise me. We have incredible supporters, enterprising partners and we also have a stellar group of Board members and staff. And, importantly, all of us were working toward one goal in 2022 – Making Tomorrow Brighter – for Durham District School Board students.

Last year and every year, our educators and students' energy and creativity provide the momentum for our communities' hope, hard work, and as you'll see in the following pages – **GENEROSITY**.

My sincere **THANKS** to you all,



Stacey Lepine-Fisher
Executive Director



MISSION AND VISION

The **Ignite Durham Learning Foundation** is a charitable organization that serves to remove financial barriers to create equitable opportunities that empower Durham District School Board students to achieve academic & personal success.

Tomorrows made
BRIGHTER!

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\$99,244.24

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED



142 students
supported



122
Starfish
requests fulfilled



14 **Make a Difference**
requests fulfilled



39
SCHOOLS

across the Durham District
School Board supported



6 **Think Outside the Bell**
requests fulfilled



9 **Clothing**
requests fulfilled



1 **Health & Medical**
requests fulfilled



3 Grad Fees
3 Grad Trips
requests fulfilled



5 **Field Trip**
requests fulfilled

2

Prom
requests fulfilled



91 **Food**
requests fulfilled

2 Glasses
6 Transportation

OUR FUNDING PILLARS

The Pillars of Ignite Durham Learning Foundation exist to guide the work of the foundation as well as direct resources towards students who need them efficiently, carrying out our goal of successful and thriving communities. All of our efforts fall under the five following areas of support.



STARFISH FUND

The Starfish Fund provides resources to assist schools in addressing student needs including, but not limited to: clothing, school supplies, health, and transportation.

\$30,446.94
DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED



MAKE A DIFFERENCE FUND

The Make a Difference Fund offers financial subsidies to students experiencing poverty so that they may participate with their peers in field trips, school extracurricular activities, and school events.

\$2,348.10
DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED



THINK OUTSIDE THE BELL FUND

The Think Outside the Bell Fund provides financial support to students in need who would significantly benefit from participating in specialized programs such as Preschool Success and After School Recreation and Arts Programs.

\$993.68
DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED



FUTURE FUND

The Future Fund provides students with financial support to assist post secondary pathways.

\$0
DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED



THE S.N.A.C.K. FUND

Student Nutrition Fund provides food access to classrooms and kids.

NEW FUND
INTRODUCED BY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN JUNE 2022

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Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our donors and corporate partners. Thank you so much to the following individuals and businesses for making tomorrow brighter for DDSB students in need.

- RBC Foundation
- Second Harvest



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\$10,000+

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- Durham District School Board
- Q.N.H. INC



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THANK YOU!

IMPACT STORIES



Thanks to the emotional and financial support of the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation, a student in my school was able to purchase food and personal hygiene supplies to help support them during a time of precarious housing and the death of a parent. This support provided the ability for our students to have more dignity and avoid going hungry. I see first hand the impact that the foundation's programming has on many of our students' lives. IDLF's support is a critical gift and I am thankful that this support exists in our community.

Karla Torrente
Eastdale CVI Principal



IMPACT STORIES



Ensuring everyone has access to the essentials

Vibrant communities and outstanding schools are the result of people coming together to build something greater than the sum of their parts. Thanks to RBC's generous donation, the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation has supported over 40 students with school supplies, warm clothing, appropriate footwear and nourishing meals.

Royal Bank is an incredible partner that values the communities they serve. Together, with their support, we continue to navigate these challenging times. Our student impact has never been measured higher, and their support is playing an integral role in strengthening our students, our schools and our community.

And we're just getting started.

Thank you for your commitment to making a difference in our community!



IMPACT STORIES



Working together to fill hungry tummies

With food insecurity and the need for hunger relief, we were extremely grateful to our partners at Second Harvest for their generous gift of \$30,000.

Thanks to this gift, over 120 families (almost 600 individuals) were fortunate to have a grocery gift card delivered right to their door. The grocery gift card delivery program allowed the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation to assist students and families with food security in a dignified and inclusive approach. Families were able to shop and choose foods that were appropriate for their health, cultural needs and palate.

The impact of these grocery gift cards has been incredible and would not have been possible without Second Harvest. The gratitude from students and families has been heartwarming, and many have told us that without these monetary food cards, their families would go hungry.

Thank you for making sure that Durham District School Board students and their families didn't go without food.



IMPACT STORIES



Partnering to enrich experiential learning

One of IDLF's goals is to remove barriers to success. Thanks to Amazon's more than generous in-kind charitable giving program, we have received more than \$30,000 in products that have been used to support students in classrooms, auto shops, at home and in places for wellness.

Students learn by doing. With Amazon's support, we are able to deliver more experiential opportunities for students while in school. For example, with Amazon's support, we were able to supply brand new rims to auto classes in DDSB High schools. Through this opportunity, students were able to hone their skills and become better equipped for success in their lives and careers after graduation.





HELP US MAKE **TOMORROW BRIGHTER**

A gift to the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation supports students in a variety of ways. A child or youth in need may receive a healthy snack for school, a winter coat, a pair of shoes, or waterproof gloves. In addition, a gift to IDLF may come in the form of financial assistance to cover application fees for college, or bus fare to support a student's transportation needs.

Every gift makes a difference and provides children and youth the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To share a gift, please visit us at: [IDLF.ca](https://www.idlf.ca)



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