



Toronto Foundation for Student Success



TFSS EMERGENCY FUND

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WHAT WE DO

One in every three children in Toronto lives in poverty and 245,000 children attend Toronto District School Board (TDSB) schools. For some parents, it is a daily struggle to provide food and shelter. In addition, many secondary school students are not able to live at home and simply cannot afford the necessities. The Emergency Fund is set up to provide students with support for urgent needs, and in emergency situations. This may be a warm coat, a pair of boots that don't leak, food, or any other essential items that will help a student in need get to school and participate to the best of their ability. Whatever amount of support that the Emergency Fund is able to provide often makes an enormous difference to the health, safety, and well-being of these students.

KEY FACTS

- » Those who work directly with students know the needs of these children and youth best. Any principal, teacher or professional support services staff member can apply for emergency funds up to a maximum of \$500 per student.
- » Emergency Fund grants are made possible with the help of generous donors. When the funds are entirely spent, the urgent needs of these children and youth must wait until additional dollars are raised.
- » Donations come from TDSB school communities through fundraising efforts or personal donations (many TDSB employees donate through payroll deductions that come directly to TFSS); corporations, either through fundraising, employee personal donation or direct corporate donation; foundations and individual donors.
- » Requests for help come from all corners of Toronto and are as varied as the children we are here to support. As long as requests help students succeed, we're able to grant them!
- » TFSS has provided emergency funding for hundreds of students with urgent needs.

THE IMPACT

A 13 year old girl suffers from a hair loss condition called alopecia. Though she is currently receiving regular treatment, with no money to buy a wig, she endures low self-esteem, which has strongly impacted her ability to attend school. Her teacher applied to the Emergency Fund and was able to get this young girl a fitted wig. The young girl now attends school regularly, participates in class, and has made a strong group of friends.

"It's been a cold winter and as a new immigrant, my student just wasn't ready for it. He was missing boots, a good winter coat and a proper Canadian toque! I took him to the store where he chose his own style, which made him feel very proud. He doesn't miss school anymore!" - Teacher

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