

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18



Toronto Foundation for Student Success

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Many thousands of children in our city live in poverty and the fact is that this adversely affects their ability to learn and to participate fully in school and beyond. Our challenge is to find effective ways to support them and get measured results. The Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) continued to meet this challenge with a team of dedicated professional staff and committed volunteer Board members.

During the 2017-18 school year, with the help of many partners, we were able to support 205,925 meals per day in 817 Student Nutrition Programs. This is the largest program of its kind in Canada and it ensures thousands of children and youth are able to start their school days ready and able to learn.

Our Emergency Fund offered a hand up to many vulnerable students who needed warm coats, boots and other necessities that many families and their children take for granted. We get requests from schools across Toronto and the needs are as varied as the children we serve. As well, through our Gift of Sight and Sound Program, we were able to assess the eyesight of over 18,000 children and provide, free of charge, almost 1,800 pairs of prescription glasses to those who needed them. Since 2009, this unique and innovative program has supported classroom learning.

Our 18 Beyond 3:30 After-School Programs continued to offer safe and welcoming places for middle school students, after school each day. Here they learned to cook at our Junior Chefs' Club, get homework help, participate in arts-based programs, enjoyed nutritious snacks and, last but not least, let off some steam by participating in sports activities. Research confirms compelling data on improved social skills and academic achievement.

This year we were pleased to work with tremendous partners from both the public and private sectors who generously supported our children, without whom we could not achieve our "student success".

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow Board members and TFSS staff, as well as thousands of volunteers, for their commitment to serving the important needs of children in our city.



Cam Jackson
Chair, TFSS Board of Directors

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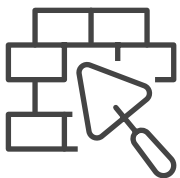
PROGRAMS

NUTRITION

As the Lead Agency for Toronto, Toronto Foundation for Student Success is proud to be one of 14 Provincial Lead Agencies across Ontario. We are also proud to be part of Student Nutrition Ontario – Toronto (SNO-Toronto), a collaborative partnership that works together to support Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto.

Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) provide children and youth in Toronto with nutritious meals every school day. Each community based SNP has a local advisory committee, consisting of school administrators, teachers, parents, grandparents and other volunteers, that oversees the operation of the program, from menu planning to bookkeeping. Over the last 20 years these programs have grown from serving 11,000 meals a day to more than 205,000.

IMPACT



817
Programs



31,137,111
meals served
each year



With the support and caring of our many partners, funders, donors and volunteers, nutrition programs in the City of Toronto are successful and thriving.



“It’s simple: if you’re hungry, it’s hard to focus, and if you can’t focus, it’s hard to learn.”

“To level the playing field for our most vulnerable children, we need to make sure that they are well nourished so that they face one less barrier to graduating from school.”



GIFT OF SIGHT AND SOUND

Helping Children See and Hear the World Clearly

The Gift of Sight and Sound program serves children in Toronto's most "at-risk" communities in TDSB schools by providing:

- Free vision and hearing checks
- Follow-up optometry clinics
- Free glasses when required
- Tracking of the immediate results of these screenings and optometrist appointments

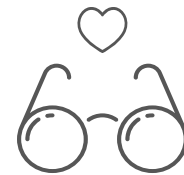
IMPACT



18,641
vision checks



5,396 children
referred to optometrists



1,772 pairs
free glasses



“Thank you for the glasses. I’m really doing better in class and I can see what the teacher is writing on the board. My glasses are helping me read better and have been such a great thing!”

“I needed glasses. Thank you for checking my eyes. It really helped me when I got them. I can see what I am writing.”

“Thank you for the glasses. I feel much better as before I had headaches and my eyes were hurting. I really like my glasses.”



PROGRAMS

BEYOND 3:30

A Safe and Welcoming Place After School

Since 2009, the Beyond 3:30 after-school program has provided a safe and welcoming place for children to be at the end of the school day. Here students get academic support, meals and nutrition education, as well as opportunities to build their social and physical skills.

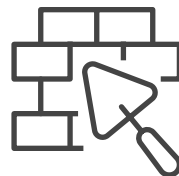


Programming includes:

- Homework and academic help
- Physical activity
- Junior Chefs' club
- Arts and crafts
- Performing arts



1,200 students enrolled



18 programs



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“We had nothing to do after school and we were getting into trouble until we found beyond 3:30.”

“I love beyond 3:30. I’ve made so many new friends. I learned the rules for baseball and now I can join in games even when I’m not at beyond 3:30. “

“I get help with my homework and now I’m doing much better in school... plus I’ve learned how to cook at the Junior Chefs’ Club.”



EMERGENCY FUND

Unique Problems Require Unique Solutions

Many children face unique challenges at school because of poverty at home, as their parents struggle to provide food and shelter. Many secondary students are not able to live at home and simply can't afford necessities. The Emergency Fund provides students with support for urgent needs, and in emergency situations. This may be a warm coat, a pair of boots that don't leak or some food.

The needs addressed through the Emergency Fund are as varied as the children we serve.



“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!”



“Tilly is extremely grateful for the help. Knowing there is someone out there that cares about her wellbeing brings comfort to her. She is now able to purchase food when needed and have a healthy meal.”

“Elizabeth now has a new winter coat, sturdy boots, some food and clothing items, and the knowledge that in her hardest times, there is support and care (without judgement, prying, or having to beg). She is grateful, warm, and better equipped to keep putting one foot in front of the other. Thank you so very much.”

MODEL SCHOOLS PAEDIATRIC HEALTH INITIATIVE

Care in the Place Students Trust the Most

The Model Schools Paediatric Health Initiative (MSPHI) Clinics are located at four school sites and, with medical partner organizations, provide services to students. Through this initiative, the TFSS and the TDSB work together to bring clinical health care services into priority communities.





MISSION

The Toronto Foundation for Student Success helps students succeed.

We help feed students, addressing issues of poverty, hunger, and poor nutrition, and their effect on education.

We continually search for new ways to help children overcome barriers to success in school.

We work to provide safe, inclusive environments in which children may thrive.

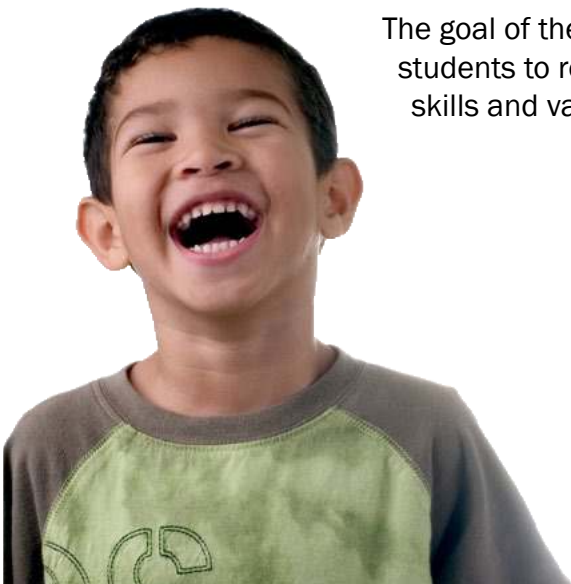
We are advocates for children, acting on their behalf.

VISION

The Foundation will identify and initiate programs to deal with the hunger, poverty and violence experienced by our students.

The Foundation will act as an advocate for students.

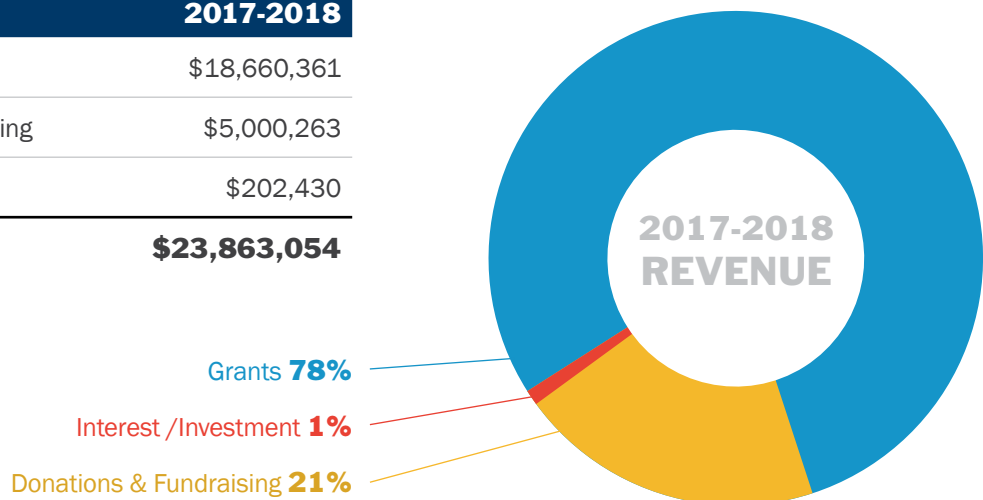
The goal of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success is to help enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible members of society.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

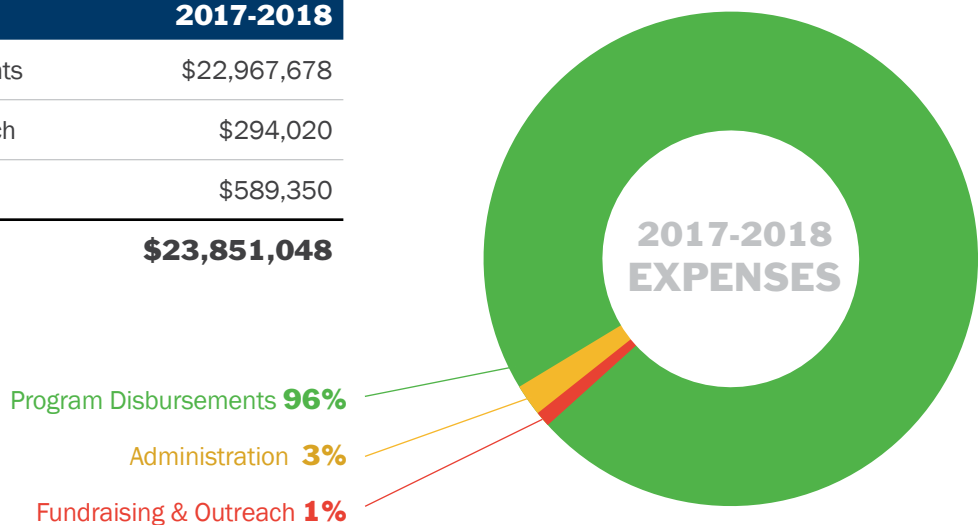
REVENUE

	2017-2018
Grants	\$18,660,361
Donations & Fundraising	\$5,000,263
Interest / Investment	\$202,430
TOTAL	\$23,863,054



EXPENDITURES

EXPENSE	2017-2018
Program Disbursements	\$22,967,678
Fundraising & Outreach	\$294,020
Administration	\$589,350
TOTAL	\$23,851,048



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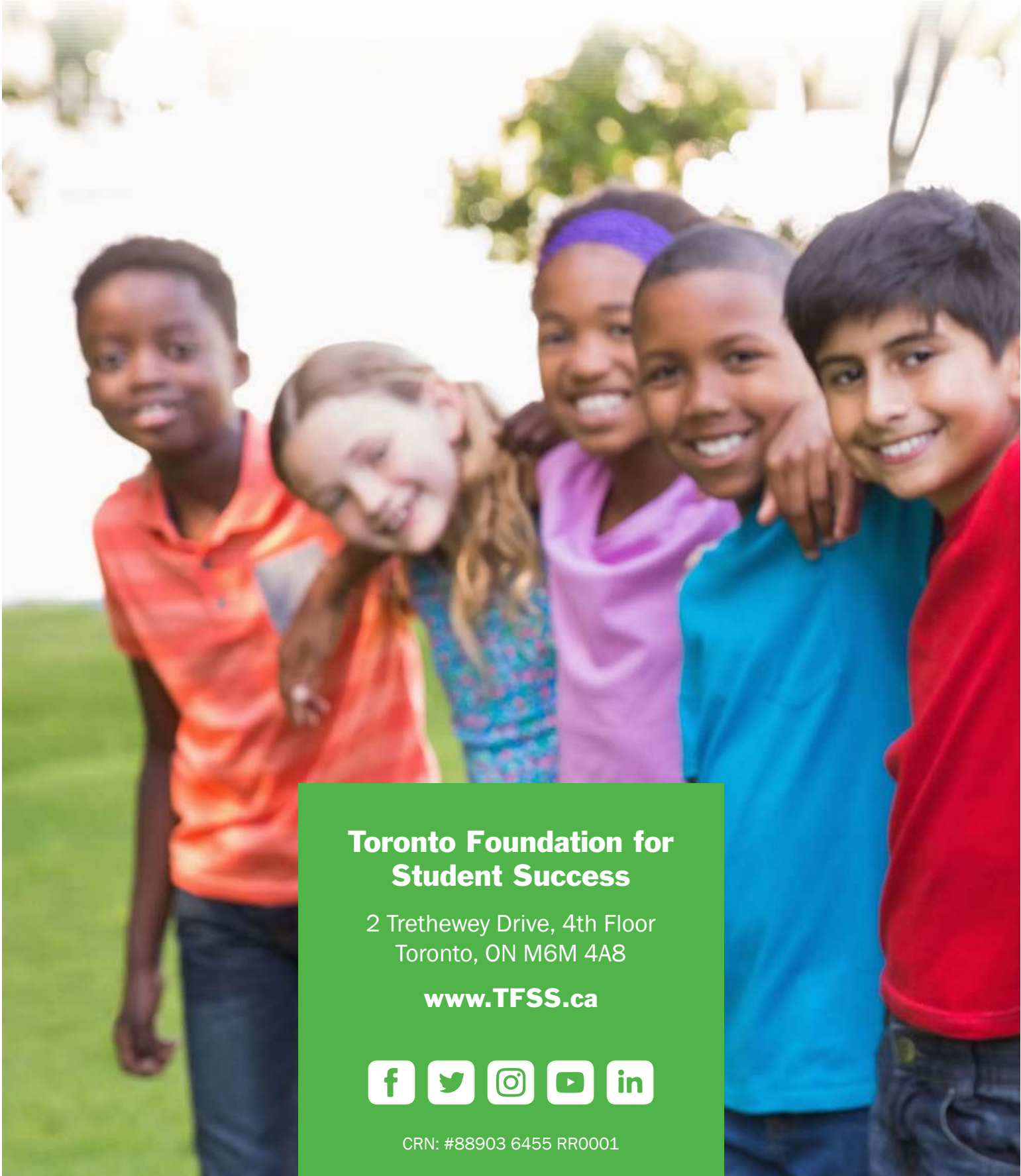
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