



Toronto Foundation for **Student Success**



# BEYOND 3:30

## ABOUT

An innovative, free after-school program, *beyond 3:30* is offered in 20 Toronto schools each school day, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Operating in underserved communities during the time of day that many of our children are at their most vulnerable, *beyond 3:30* and *beyond 3:30 Junior* give students between the ages of 8 and 14 a safe and welcoming place to go for homework support, a healthy meal, sports, and other opportunities that are often out of reach for families facing poverty issues.

## KEY FACTS

- Thousands of kids in Toronto’s underserved communities miss out on after-school programming for financial reasons.
- With 25 programs running in 20 school sites, *beyond 3:30* keeps more than 1,200 students safe and engaged.
- Over 80% of *beyond 3:30* students enjoyed learning how to cook nutritious food and 90% learned more about healthy eating choices.
- Over 70% of *beyond 3:30* students improved their grades after participating in the program, and 87% reported that they’re now better at completing assignments and understanding the material thanks to our consistent homework support.
- Through our Homework 2.0 program we provide individual, as well as small group academic support each week.
- Participants get a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity every school day.

## THE IMPACT

*Before joining beyond 3:30, a 12-year-old girl went home to an empty apartment and would only eat a bag of chips for supper. With the TV as her only source of company, she would often fall asleep on the couch, and rarely completed her homework. A school friend told her about beyond 3:30, and after reluctantly joining, she can’t get enough of the program and finishes her homework on time.*

*When he had nothing to do after school, a Grade 7 student started getting into trouble in the neighbourhood. His mother enrolled him in beyond 3:30 and he made new friends who were positive influences in his life. He is now more cooperative at home and is developing leadership skills.*

