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BEYOND 3:30

ABOUT

An innovative, free after-school program, *beyond 3:30* is offered in 26 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.

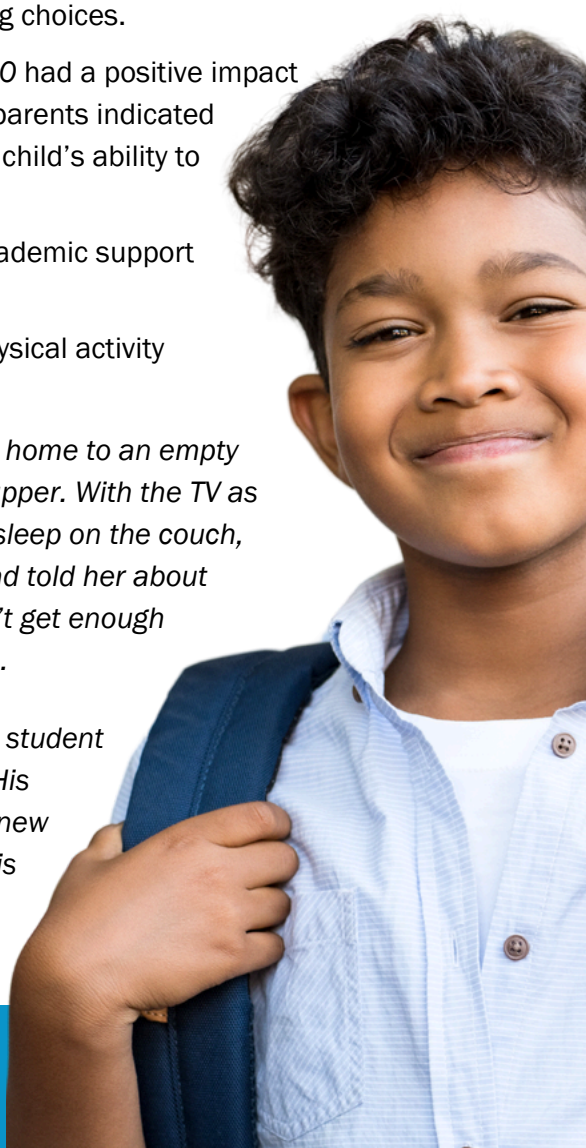
KEY FACTS

- Thousands of kids in Toronto's underserved communities miss out on after-school programming for financial reasons.
- With 34 programs running in 26 school sites, *beyond 3:30* supports more than 1,400 students and keeps them safe and engaged.
- Over 80% of *beyond 3:30* students enjoyed learning how to cook nutritious food and 86% learned more about healthy eating choices.
- About 96% of parents indicated that *beyond 3:30* had a positive impact on their child's improved grades. About 93% of parents indicated that *beyond 3:30* had a positive impact on their child's ability to complete schoolwork.
- We provide individual, as well as small group academic support each school day.
- 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.



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