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TFSS EMERGENCY FUND

ABOUT

For some parents, it's a daily struggle to provide food and shelter, and many secondary 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 urgent situations. This may be a warm coat, a pair of boots that don't leak 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 available to provide often makes an enormous difference to the health, safety and well-being of these students.

KEY FACTS

- 1 in every 4 children in Toronto lives in poverty.
- Any principal, teacher or professional support services staff member can apply for emergency funds up to a one-time maximum of $500 per student.
- Requests for help come from all corners of Toronto and are as varied as the children we are here to support.
- Funding for the emergency grants comes from a variety of sources including school communities, individual donors, foundations and corporations.
- TFSS has provided emergency funding for hundreds of students with urgent needs.

THE IMPACT

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 very proud. He doesn't miss school anymore. - Teacher

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.

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