

2016 Annual Report

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

- Chinese Proverb



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HWDSB
Foundation



"A mom told me yesterday that the funds received for a warm winter coat and boots raised the spirit in her home. She feels less scared and desperate knowing there is help out there."

~ Teacher



“Without your funding, my student would not have been able to access a specialized program he so desperately needed. His school year has dramatically improved and he’s on track to having a more positive and successful school year.”

-Secondary Teacher

community

About

The HWDSB Foundation is a registered charity that raises funds that remove barriers to learning so that all students can grow to their full potential.

Values

Responsible, Equitable, Transparent and Inclusive

Guiding Principles

- Meet individual needs
- Identify and eliminate barriers to learning
- Promote a sense of belonging
- Build on and embrace previous and existing relationships
- Create sustained innovative relationships for supporting at-risk students
- Involve the broader community

Message from the Chair

We are now into our third year as an active and engaged Foundation. Some of our most significant accomplishments in year three include:

- Celebrating our second annual Young Artists of Hamilton Gala
- Successful completion of our second Prom Project Hamilton
- Running our second HWDSB Foundation Golf Classic
- Initiating our Payday Payout staff lottery
- Initiating our first Holiday Gift Catalogue

Together, these inspiring initiatives have significantly increased the HWDSB Foundation's revenues – and this means we have been able to provide more support for students and schools.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to the Foundation's success.

Thanks to our Board of Directors for their thoughtful insight, prudent oversight and ongoing support. Thanks to the donors who see the need around us and respond in such a generous and heartfelt way. Thanks to HWDSB for their ongoing financial support and visionary leadership. Thanks to our staff for their creativity, energy and commitment to the cause.

Speaking of our cause, it's worth reminding everyone that the Foundation works to achieve an ambitious mission: to remove barriers to learning for students through fundraising and community engagement.

Our funding and support creates hope for students – hope that can change lives.

You can see this in real ways through Prom Project Hamilton, as well as the student and school support programs. We turn barriers into opportunities, we create possibility where there was challenge and – thanks to you – we create a new sense optimism for students in our community.



Wayne Joudrie

Chair, HWDSB Foundation

Impact



Student Support Grants

Almost **25 per cent** of HWDSB students live **below the poverty line**, impacting their ability to learn. Our Student Support Grants help provide winter clothing, nutrition, school supplies, post-secondary applications, medical assistance and, in some cases, transportation.

Last year, **\$49,985** in Student Support Grants **helped 800 students** address barriers to learning.

Graduation Awards

Each year, HWDSB schools present awards to deserving students to support their postsecondary dreams.

In June 2016, schools have **\$74,187 to more than 100 students** at graduation ceremonies.



School Support Grants

The HWDSB Foundation funds innovative school projects that enhance the Ontario curriculum. Projects include the arts, literacy and numeracy, active recess, student success programs and excursions.

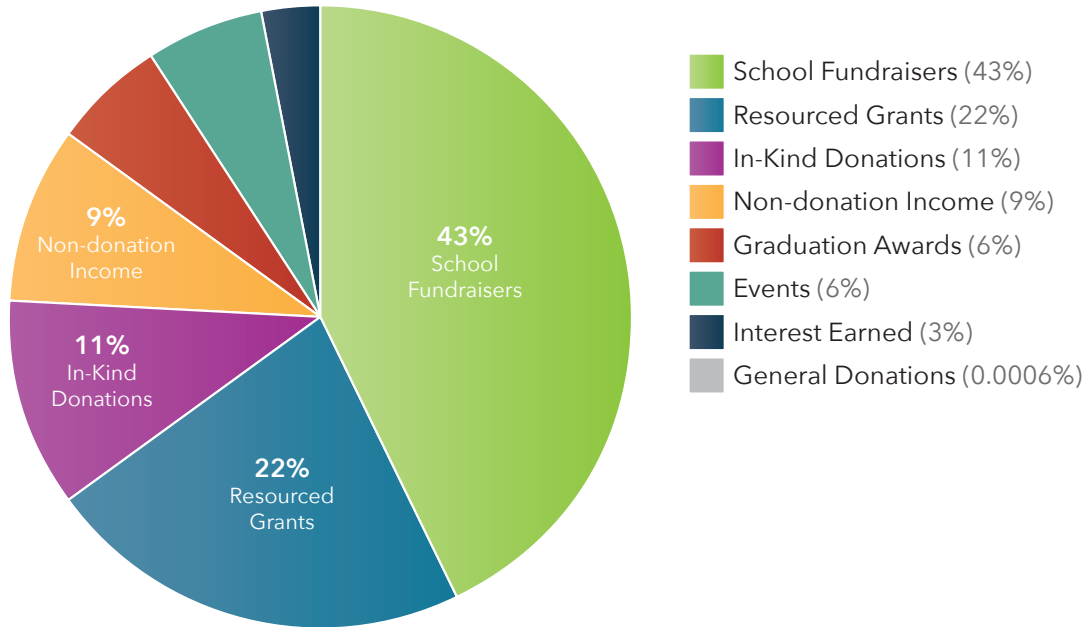
In 2015-16, the HWDSB Foundation gave **\$211,185** in School Support Grants, **impacting 17,538 students**.

Hamilton Community Foundation Endowment For Student Support

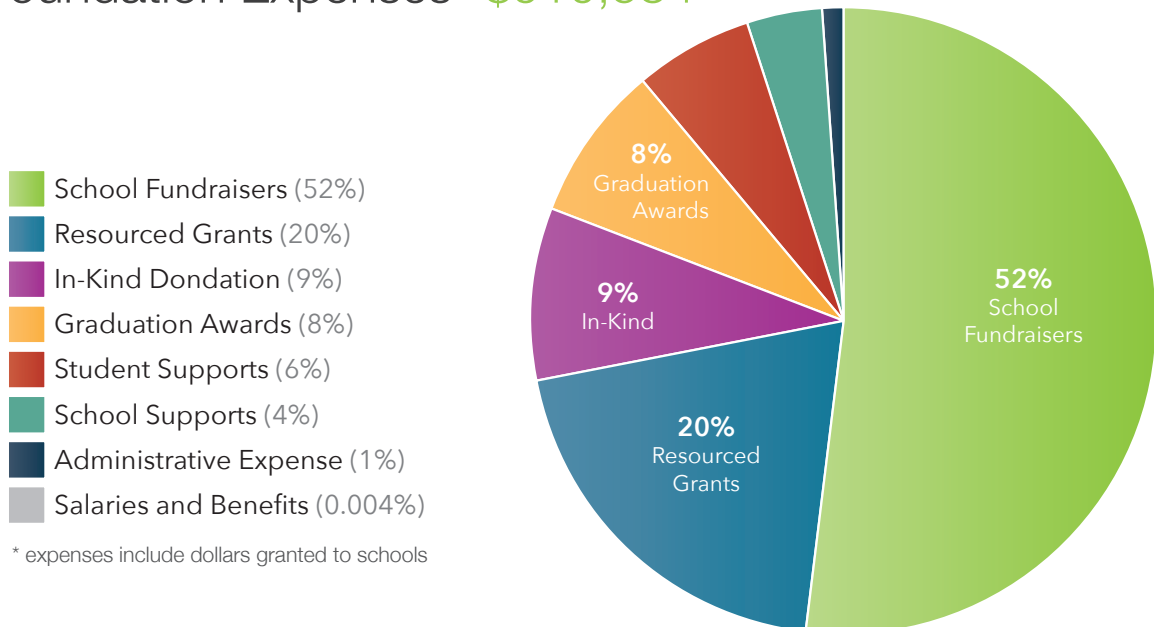
This year, the Hamilton Community Foundation has created an endowment to build on our Student Support efforts. Donors contributing to this fund will help students for years to come.



Foundation Revenue \$916,843

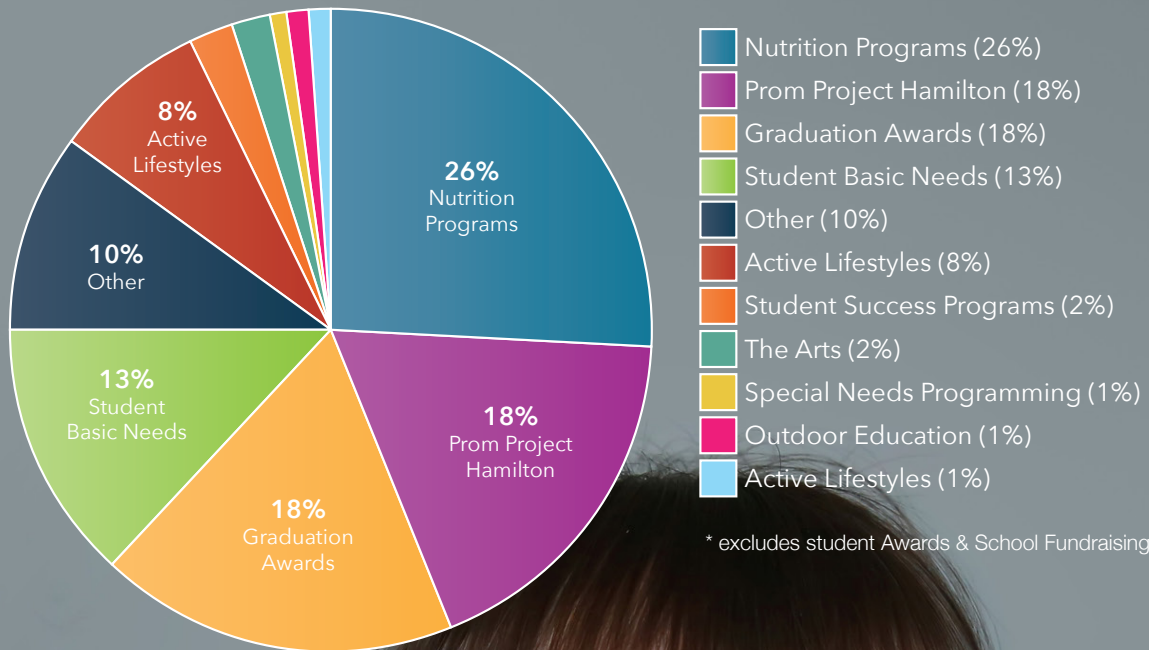


Foundation Expenses* \$910,534



* expenses include dollars granted to schools

Foundation Grants* \$414,170



* excludes student Awards & School Fundraising

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~ Elementary School Administrative Assistant



Events

The HWDSB Foundation holds three main events to raise funds and engage our community partners who share our core values. We are grateful for the 150 volunteers who gave their time in support of our students.

Prom Project Hamilton

Prom Project Hamilton (PPH) is a two-day, two-site location event that we created to assist students in need with formal wear for their proms, graduations, formals and other special events. We want every student to attend their events feeling stylish, confident and proud. The event promotes a positive and inclusive environment; it does not require proof of financial need. New or gently used items are provided free of charge to students, thanks to donations from the private and business communities. We treat all students and families with respect and dignity, and we greatly appreciate the volunteers who help students prepare for their upcoming milestone event.

In 2015-16, about 500 students benefited from **\$75,000** worth of formal wear and other items.

Prom Project HAMILTON



Photos by: Barry Gray, The Hamilton Spectator.



Artwork by Sarah Cahill - Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School

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Young Artists of Hamilton Gala

In 2015-16, we held our second annual Young Artists of Hamilton Benefit Gala, featuring Juno award-winner Steve Strongman and special guests including Tomi Swick.

This event provides the extra funding necessary to remove barriers so students can interact, enjoy and learn from many different mediums and experiential learning opportunities in dance, drama, media arts, music, and visual art programs.

Education in the Arts is essential to students' intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth and well-being. Thanks to the Foundation, HWDSB students have more access to arts opportunities for experiential learning, specialized materials and working with community professionals.

Part of the proceeds supported the NuSteel program at Centre [3], an HWDSB alternative education program where students learn in a non-traditional setting where the studio is the classroom. Students learn multiple subjects through arts-based problem solving and the creative use of digital and traditional art forms.

HWDSB Foundation Golf Classic

Held at the beginning of the golf season, the HWDSB Foundation Golf Classic is a fun event that brings sponsors, donors, players and volunteers together to raise money as well as play golf. Tournament proceeds go toward Student Support and the School Support grants that remove barriers to learning so that all students can learn and grow to their full potential.



"Your support of our dual-language library has given some of our newer students hope and comfort. Our students are no longer afraid to come to school because of language barriers."

~ ESL Teacher

Board of Directors

As a registered charity, the HWDSB Foundation appreciates the guidance of its Board of Directors to provide accountability, transparency and leadership. Directors make a three-year commitment to serve on the Board as well as on sub-committees that enhance the work of the Board and staff.

Board Members

Chair	Wayne Joudrie	Community Member
Vice-Chair	Ahmed Mohammed	Community Member
Secretary	Sharon Stephanian	Superintendent, HWDSB
Treasurer	Stacey Zucker	Executive Superintendent, HWDSB
Director	Wanda Bielak	Principal, HWDSB
Director	Elisabeth Cornett	Community Member
Director	Dawn Danko	Trustee, HWDSB
Director	Manny Figueiredo	Director of Education, HWDSB
Director	Leah Schwenger	Community Member
Director	Susan Tian	Community Member

Staff

Foundation	Development Officer	Julie Densham
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How to get involved:

- 1. Volunteer.** We are always looking for inspiring individuals to help plan and execute our fundraising events.
- 2. Join the Board.** The HWDSB Foundation Board of Directors is always looking for new voices to join the team. This working committee meets at least monthly.
- 3. Run fundraising drives.** Fundraising is ongoing throughout the year. We appreciate those groups/organizations who fundraise for our students.
- 4. Donate.** If you believe, as we do, that no student should face barriers to learning, please consider becoming a donor. For more ways to donate, please visit www.hwdsbfoundation.ca

*The HWDSB Foundation charges no administrative fees.
All donations go directly to support students.*

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