



Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



It is a pleasure to reflect on the work of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation over the past year. After serving as a board director, I was thrilled to step into the role of chair in June of 2022.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed rising needs in our communities as families have faced even greater difficulties as a result of increased costs of living, health issues, and emotional strain. Thank you to the many generous donors for all that you help make possible for the children and families involved with the Children's Aid Society in our communities. We are so fortunate to live in the Peterborough, Kawartha, and Haliburton regions, where lifting each other up is a hallmark of what makes our communities so inspiring.

Over the past year, more than a thousand children, youth and caregivers have directly benefited through support from the Foundation. That is a truly remarkable accomplishment! Of particular note, the Santa's Sleigh program ensured every child had a gift to open on Christmas morning. Hundreds of children attended summer camp and participated in extracurricular activities from horse back riding lessons to karate, dance to art classes. These life-enriching experiences provide a sense of belonging, teach new skills, and allow the children to build relationships with caring adults and meet new friends. Providing financial bursaries so that students can attend post-secondary studies presents life-changing opportunities. Making baby safety equipment available for new parents and helping youth transition to living independently are all possible because our communities care. Emergency funding when families face very difficult times has helped keep families together, in their homes, and provided some financial relief for rising grocery and gas costs.

As you read through this annual report, I hope you will witness the impact of your donations and feel the importance of providing ongoing support for the Foundation. Once again, thank you to every organization, individual, and foundation for your dedication to our mission and goals.

Lee Hays - Board Chair

## WHO WE ARE | BOARD MEMBERS

Lee Hays, Chair  
John Bardawill, Vice-Chair  
Dan Moloney, Past-Chair  
Nicole Desrosiers, Treasurer

Patricia Bell  
Colin Elsby  
Melissa Graham-MacDonald  
Babin Joy  
Carla Gorman



\*absent Colin Elsby

## WHAT WE DO | MISSION STATEMENT

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation is dedicated to working in collaboration with donors and the community to raise funds toward the enrichment of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society's children, youth, and families.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig Territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations. The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and water in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.



## 2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### BURSARIES

Our bursary program provides much needed financial assistance so youth can pursue education, gain life skills, and be ready for the workplace. In 2022, we provided over \$125,000 in bursary support for youth working towards achieving their education goals and reaching their life dreams.

### CAMP

Every summer the Foundation covers the cost of one-week of overnight camp or two weeks of day camp. In 2022, we sent 120 kids to summer camp to discover nature, meet new friends, learn new skills and become more confident about themselves.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT FUND

We aim to help develop children's self esteem and confidence by funding their participation in extracurricular activities such as sports, art and music lessons, and courses such as first aid or drivers' education. In 2022, we supported youth with over \$20,000 in funding for these activities.

### CHILD SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND

New in 2022, we launched our Child Safety Equipment Fund allowing us to provide 12 cribs approved by Health Canada Safety Standards to families that did not have the financial means to purchase one.

### COMFORT KITS

We provided over \$20,000 in funding towards comfort kits, which are back-packs filled with comfort and essential items for children who are removed from home and placed in out-of-home care. This includes items such as personal care products, school supplies, bedding, baby care products and technology.

### EMERGENCY GIFT CARDS

We provided \$10,000 in grocery and gas gift cards to help families that were struggling with the rising cost of living.

### SANTA'S SLEIGH

Every year we invite community members to choose a child, or sponsor a family, and purchase gifts or gift cards in order to fulfill their Christmas wishes. In partnership with our donors we helped make Christmas brighter for over 900 local children, youth and families.

### SWEET DREAMS

Every child deserves a warm and comfortable night's sleep. Through the help of our dedicated volunteer, Carolyn Mills, the Foundation provided over 350 pairs of cozy pajamas to children this past year.

### YOUTH LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

The Foundation provided \$30,000 in gift cards to youth 16+ who are transitioning to living on their own. These gift cards help with groceries, clothing and personal care products.



Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation was honoured to receive the Not-for-Profit Excellence Award at the 2022 Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce Awards of Excellence.

## 2022 CONDENSED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This information should be read in conjunction with the audited Financial Statements at December 31, 2022.

### Revenue

|                      |                  |             |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Donation Revenue     | \$349,630        | 81%         |
| Grant Revenue        | \$53,499         | 12%         |
| Miscellaneous        | \$30,399         | 7%          |
| <b>Audited Total</b> | <b>\$433,528</b> | <b>100%</b> |

### Expenditures

|                           |                  |             |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Program and Service Costs | \$364,365        | 74%         |
| Salaries and Benefits     | \$102,654        | 21%         |
| General and Office        | \$24,588         | 5%          |
| <b>Audited Total</b>      | <b>\$491,607</b> | <b>100%</b> |

### Other Income

|                          |                    |             |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Investment Income (loss) | (\$14,643)         | 9%          |
| Contribution to CFGP*    | (\$150,000)        | 91%         |
| <b>Audited Total</b>     | <b>(\$164,643)</b> | <b>100%</b> |

\*Contribution of \$150,000 to the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough (CFGP) for the creation of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Fund

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

### EMPOWERING SUCCESS THROUGH EDUCATION

Education is the key to developing life skills and workplace readiness. As a result of very generous contributions over the past 5 years from the John Bright Foundation, the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation has been able to help many youth involved, or formerly involved, with the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society who are now pursuing post-secondary education. The John Bright Foundation was established by John, to help children who experienced a childhood similar to his own. He believed that education partnered with motivation and hard work was essential to success. His desire was to give children the support needed to access education and be successful; his legacy lives on through the annual donation to our bursary fund provided by the John Bright Foundation.

*"The bursaries I get every semester cover my student loans and course materials. My goal is to make the world a better place using the knowledge I obtain from University. Lack of financial anxiety allows me to focus on my studies full-time. I am extremely grateful for the continued support."*

- Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation  
Bursary Recipient

### DEVELOPING THE NEW CHILD SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND

It is important that every child has a safe place to sleep and that is why The Child Safety Equipment Fund was put into place in 2022. It provides Health Canada Safety Standard approved cribs and mattresses for families involved with the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society who do not have the financial means to purchase these items. In 2022 we provided cribs and mattresses to 12 families.

*"I am writing to you about the crib that was provided to a family that I support. They wanted to say thank you. They were thrilled to receive a brand new crib. It will assist them financially and benefit the transition of their baby coming back into their home."*

- Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society  
Child Welfare Worker

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