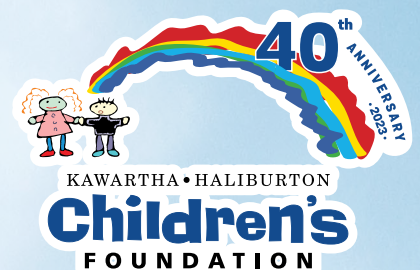




Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2023 filled us with gratitude and pride, as we recognize the impactful journey we've shared alongside the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS) in bettering the lives of local children and families.

Our collaboration with KHCAS has yielded transformative outcomes while navigating challenges and enhancing the well-being of children and youth. In 2023, 146 children enjoyed enriching camp experiences, while our support for youth transitioning to independence expanded significantly. Moreover, \$130,000 in bursaries empowered educational pursuits, and our holiday initiative, Santa's Sleigh, brought joy to 900 local children and families.

We remain dedicated to nurturing children's self-esteem through extracurricular activities, ensuring educational success with backpacks filled with supplies, and offering vital assistance through our Kin Support Fund and emergency gift card program for families in need.

Our achievements are a testament to the unwavering support of our donors and community partners. Looking ahead, we're excited about the possibilities to continue creating a nurturing environment for children and youth to thrive and realize their full potential.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation, I extend our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support. Together, we will continue to transform lives and build a brighter future for generations to come.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lee Hays, Board Chair



WHO WE ARE | BOARD MEMBERS

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WHAT WE DO | MISSION STATEMENT

Engaging and collaborating with communities to support and invest in essentials and life-enriching experiences for children, youth and families involved with the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society.

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.

2023 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 2023, we provided \$130,000 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 2023, we sent 146 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 extra curricular activities such as sports, art and music lessons, and courses such as first aid or drivers' education. In 2023, we supported youth with over \$25,000 in funding for these activities.

CHILD SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND

In 2023, we expanded support for cribs and baby safety items provided by the Child Safety Equipment Fund. 30 Health Canada Safety Standard approved cribs and 9 other baby safety items were provided to families that did not have the financial means to purchase these items.

COMFORT KITS

We provided \$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 \$15,000 in grocery and gas gift cards to help families that were struggling with the rising costs 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 holiday wishes. In partnership with our donors, we helped make the holidays 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 was gifted over 250 cozy pairs of pajamas to distribute to children who need them.

YOUTH LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

The Foundation provided \$40,000 in gift cards to youth 16+ who are transitioning to living on their own. These gift cards help with necessities like groceries, clothing and personal care products.

KINSHIP SUPPORT FUND

This program, which was new in 2023, made a significant impact by providing \$10,000 to help offset some of the extra costs involved with the responsibility of taking on the care of a family member.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

We provided over 100 backpacks and pencil cases filled with school supplies to ensure that the children and youth involved with the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society started the school year off right, feeling included and self-confident.

2023 CONDENSED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

Donation revenue	\$359,402	(78%)
Grant revenue	\$53,404	(12%)
Miscellaneous	\$43,864	(10%)
Total	\$456,670	

EXPENDITURES

Program and service costs	\$415,341	(71%)
Salaries and benefits	\$117,651	(20%)
General office/professional fees	\$53,190	(9%)
Total	\$586,182	

OTHER INCOME

Investment income	\$53,738
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This information should be read in conjunction with the audited Financial Statements at December 31, 2023.



The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation, in partnership with Herod Financial Services, was excited to once again host the Send a Kid to Camp AXE-travaganza. An evening of friendly axe throwing competition at the Peterborough Axe Club, this event raised funds that helped to send 146 kids to summer camp.

Pictured here is Carlo Raponi from the Peterborough Axe Club, Carrie Truman, Executive Director of KHCF and Kevan Herod of Herod Financial Services.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

PROVIDING SUPPORT TO KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

Kinship caregivers are family members such as Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents who take on the daily care of a child who can no longer live at their parents' home. These caregivers make sacrifices in order to provide stability and care for their extended family, with little government assistance.

We don't want financial barriers to prevent these very special caregivers from providing care for family members. Our Kinship Fund aims to help offset some of the extra costs involved with the responsibility of taking on the care of a family member. Through this fund, Kinship caregivers involved with the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society are provided support to help cover daily expenses such as clothing, school supplies, gas, groceries or other items. This program launched in 2023 and we provided \$10,000 to support the families of 40 children who were placed in Kinship care.

"All of the families have been very thankful for the extra help as they are usually very stressed and trying to figure everything out while also holding concern for their family members who are struggling and not able to care for their children."

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

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CRIBS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Our Child Safety Equipment Fund was first launched in 2022 to provide safety standard approved cribs and mattresses to families involved with the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society who did not have the financial means to purchase these items. In 2023, the fund was expanded to include other infant safety items such as highchairs, gates and car seats.

The Foundation aims to make sure all children have the necessary baby safety equipment to keep them safe. In 2023, we increased our support significantly by providing 30 cribs, an increase of 18 cribs vs the previous year, and expanded our support by providing 9 other baby safety items. Making the nighttime safe and cozy for many of the most vulnerable children in our community is so important to us.

"I have been working with my worker throughout most of my pregnancy. I am on a fixed budget so found it very hard to buy all of the things I needed for my baby. My worker told me that The Foundation buys cribs and donates them to people like me who can't afford one. I am so grateful for your help. It means the world to me."

- Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation Crib Recipient

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