

# 2025 - 2026 Annual Report





**The Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Foundation** is dedicated to providing financial support that contributes to the safety and well-being of the children, youth and families served by the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society, through fundraising initiatives and public education.



**The Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Foundation believes that every child deserves an equal opportunity for reaching their potential.**

Success begins when basic needs are met, providing the foundation for growth and opportunity. The programs we support help empower children, youth, and families through the development of essential life skills, self-esteem, confidence, and resilience.

The Board of Directors is committed to providing the financial resources necessary to create meaningful opportunities and directly benefit the children and youth we serve.

This would not be possible without the financial and in-kind contributions of our Donors. This support strengthens a community that comes together to ensure "Strength for Today... Opportunities for Tomorrow." Through this generosity, children and youth are given the tools, experiences, and encouragement they need to build brighter futures.

## Our Focus

### FAMILY

Every family deserves the opportunity to succeed. Through compassionate support and meaningful connections, families can access the resources and encouragement they need during challenging times. By reducing stress and isolation and strengthening parenting capacity, we help create a foundation for resilience, stability, and new beginnings for the whole family.

### EDUCATION

Education opens doors to opportunity, personal growth, and lifelong success. Through targeted programs and bursaries, we help students overcome barriers and achieve their educational goals, creating pathways to meaningful employment, improved well-being, and stronger connections within their communities.

### ENRICHMENT

Growing a strong future means building resiliency, self-confidence and social skills that support a smooth transition to new beginnings. Recreational and group activities present opportunities to build relationships, give back to the community, and interact with positive role models.

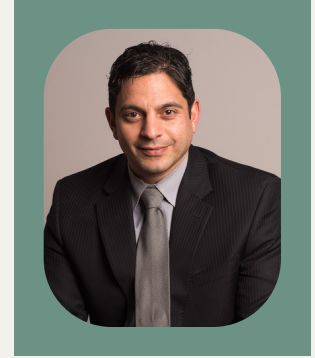
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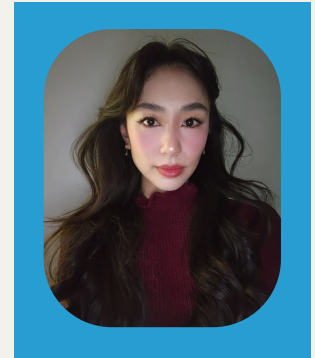
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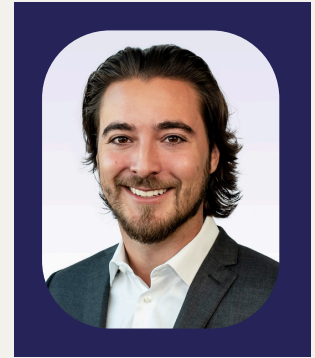
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The Foundation also receives administrative support from the Society: Derrick Drouillard, Executive Director; Olivia Carlini, Director of Finance & Administration; Nina Lue Pann, Executive Assistant; and Tina Allen, Manager of Community Outreach.

# Impact in Action



## Program Highlights

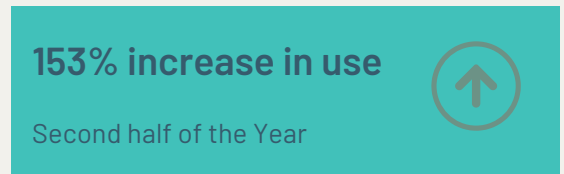
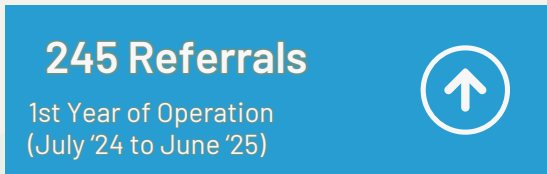
- Kingsville Community Church's Youth Ministry collected over 300 items for the S.E.E.D Store. Youth from grades 5-12, and some of their leaders, split into four teams and went door-to-door throughout Kingsville.
- Fortis Group & Mister HQ partnered together and, along with their supporters, donated 140 winter coats, hats, gloves, and hygiene packages to youth and kinship families through their No Cold Child initiative.
- 730 Backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children and youth.
- Family Day - Feb 16, was a massive success. Led by Paul Lue Pann & the team at Co-operators PLP Financial Services, and the generous sponsors whose financial contributions provided the food for this event - Sobeys St. Clair Beach, LendCity Mortgages, KW Signature Realty and Rafih Auto Group. 1,500 bags of food were made, with 900 donated to WECAS.
- 73 youth attended Kiwanis Sunshine Point Camp for one week of overnight stay, and 96 families benefitted from a *Beat the Heat* summer pool pass for all city-owned public pools. This opportunity supported 252 children and youth, and 136 caregivers & family members.
- On Dec 4th, the RSG Holiday Dinner hosted 85 Independent Living and RSG youth and 100 guests, staff and Society Board members. This was the largest turnout since the event began. The event included a meal donated by the Urban Field House, fun holiday-themed activities, and a gift for each youth.
- \$83,507 was distributed in Education Bursaries, with an additional \$9026 in educational supports and the Academic Dinner.
- The Homework Program met two nights each week from November to May and supported 19 youth. 2 Tutor Leads, 1 Educational Assistant, 12 Tutors delivered over 1,300 tutoring hours.
- Christmas Breakfast for Kinship Service Families was held on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion Riverside, and welcomed 210 kin parents and children. Team Brady Bondy REMAX donated gingerbread cookies to each family to decorate, and Brad also made an appearance as Santa, with his staff as Elves. Larisa Tudor and the generous folks at Leggett & Platt Automotive, Lakeshore, donated gifts for all the children in attendance. The event also receives financial support from the Foundation.
- The S.E.E.D. Store reached its first full year of operation by July. In total, 245 referrals were received, supporting 822 children, youth, and their caregivers. This was a 153% increase in utilization compared to the first half of the year.
- The Annual Holiday Program provided gifts to over 1,200 children and youth in 545 families (92 Kinship and 453 ongoing protection families). The program also assisted 159 RSG Youth.

# Success Stories

## WECAS Child in Care Worker on the Benefits of the S.E.E.D. Store

*"The SEED store has helped several young people that I work with over the past few months. When those youth were down and out, with having a little to no food left for the week, needing certain supplies like blankets, sheets and cleaning supplies, it was the SEED store that came through for them. Being able to provide food items when in need has been a great additional support for our youth (and families). When a youth wanted to clean her apartment, which was in such a bad state that it was affecting her mental health, the same day as the request, we got a huge bucket of cleaning supplies to help her out. She was beyond grateful. Another youth stated she didn't have new sheets since last Christmas' Holiday Program and received a new set from the SEED store.*

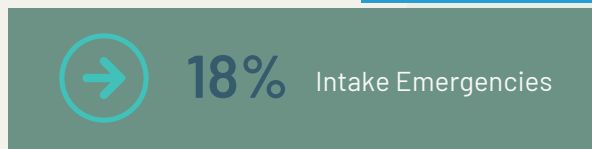
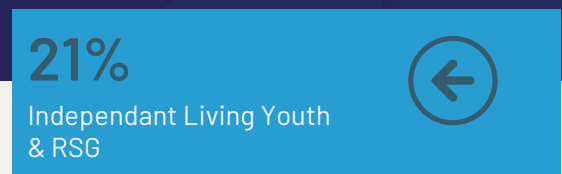
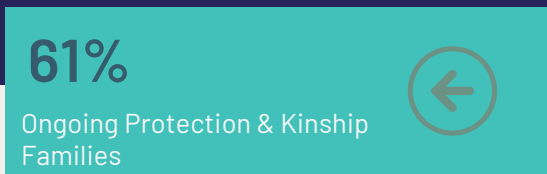
*Many youth in care do not have significant resources when it comes to having even the basic necessities beyond their allowance from the agency. Once that allowance has been depleted, being able to easily reach out with a request to the SEED store has become very valuable to access at any time! This has been a great addition to the agency amongst the other programs the agency offers throughout the year."*



### Solcz Family Foundation 2 - Year \$55K S.E.E.D. Store Grant

The Foundation and Society continue to be inspired by the unwavering support of those we serve. The Solcz Family Foundation consistently listens to the needs of vulnerable individuals, families, and communities, responding with genuine compassion and meaningful funding that creates lasting impact.

Through its commitment to addressing real needs and investing in opportunities for growth, the Foundation has made a substantial difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. We are deeply grateful for this valued partnership and the positive change it continues to bring to our community.



# Financial Highlights



## Foundation Financial Information

A summary of our financial results for the year ended March 31, 2026



REVENUE	2025-2026	2024-2025
Fundraising (special events)	\$ -	\$ 192,572
Donations (includes estate donations)	\$ 338,770	\$ 232,933
Grants	\$ 119,844	\$ 235,813
Bingo revenue	\$ 35,496	\$ 27,195
Investment income	\$ 60,785	\$ 79,571
Increase in fair value of equity investments	\$ 66,785	\$ 21,388
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 621,680</b>	<b>\$ 789,472</b>

EXPENDITURES	2025-2026	2024-2025
Charitable programming*	\$ 370,844	\$ 644,316
Fundraising costs	\$ -	\$ 31,841
Staffing allocation from Windsor-Essex CAS	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Administration costs	\$ 22,012	\$ 22,973
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 427,856</b>	<b>\$ 734,130</b>

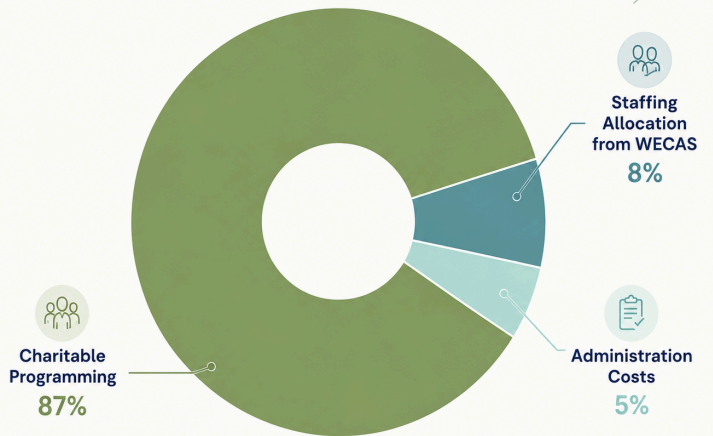
NET (LOSS) INCOME	\$ 193,824	\$ 55,342
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*DETAILS OF CHARITABLE PROGRAMMING EXPENDITURES:	2025-2026	2024-2025
Summer camp program	\$ 69,991	\$ 62,425
Holiday program	\$ 68,878	\$ 47,504
Bursaries	\$ 83,507	\$ 129,800
Programs to support children in care	\$ 143,806	\$ 394,962
Programs to support families	\$ 4,662	\$ 9,625
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>\$ 370,844</b>	<b>\$ 644,316</b>

# Financial Highlights Summary



## 2025-2026 Expenditures



## Expenditure Breakdown

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2025-2026	2024-2025
Charitable Programming	87%	88%
Staffing Allocation from WECAS	8%	5%
Fundraising Costs	0%	4%
Administration Costs	5%	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$427,856</b>	<b>\$734,130</b>

# Donor Contributions & Fundraising



- The Board/Staff 'Face to Face' Annual Giving Campaign raised \$8,894 for Foundation Programs.
- The Urban Field House donated over 180 meals to the Independent Living & RSG Holiday Dinner.
- National Bank was again the lead sponsor of \$5,000 for our Back to School Campaign.
- The Windsor Essex County Realtors Association (WECAR) once again held a large school supplies drive for the Back to School Program.
- Cooper's Hawk Vineyards & The Vines Restaurant hosted a Halloween Party and collected donations of non-perishable food for the S.E.E.D. Store.
- The Biology Student's Union at the University of Windsor actively fundraised and donated \$3,000.
- The Kingsville Lions Club donated \$2,000.



- The Annual Holiday Program raised \$78,190 and issued over \$25K in in-kind donation receipts for donations to the S.E.E.D. Store, toys, clothing and gift cards for the holiday season.
- Faculty staff across 15 departments at the University of Windsor collectively donated \$11,607 in toys and gift cards to the Annual Holiday Program.
- \$1,000 donation from the Topcliffe Family to sponsor their *We Care Bursary*.
- \$20,000 donation from the Knapp family in honour of their late son, Shane. Four \$5,000 *Shane Knapp Memorial Completion Bursaries* will be granted in the spring of 2026.
- The Lowry family (Greg and Carol) donated \$10,000 in memory of Greg's late wife, Navpreet, including funding for a second *Completion Bursary*, the *Gregory A. Lowry Psychotherapy & Counselling Completion Bursary*, to be awarded in Spring 2026.



- \$1,000 in grocery gift cards from the Muslim Community of Windsor's 21st Share the Spirit of Ramadan Food Gift Card Drive. We are grateful to campaign organizer Sousan Khaled for her tremendous leadership and compassion, and to everyone who contributed.
- For over a year, Red Sun Farms has donated fresh produce every two weeks for families in need.
- Leamington Evangelical Mennonite Church for a generous donation of 15 Thanksgiving Turkey baskets with all the fixings.
- GreenShield believes that "Better Health For All™" starts with strong and collaborative partnerships." WECAS & our Foundation have a long and proud legacy with GreenShield. Volunteers from the Finance & Strategy Team stuffed over 700 backpacks for the Back to School Campaign.
- A generous donation was received for \$131,361 from the Estate of Hugo Duivenvoorden.

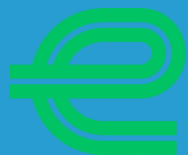
# Donor Spotlight



## WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) awarded two grants.

\$10,000 Inspiration 100™ Endowment Fund was awarded to the Foundation to provide critical assistance to vulnerable children and youth through educational bursaries, emergency support, enrichment programs, and life-skills development. At the June 2026 Academic Dinner, four youth will receive a \$1,000 bursary, and 12 youth will receive a \$500 bursary for their tuition and academic expenses.

Additionally, \$2,500 from the SWFB Flowthrough Fund held at the WECF supported 25 youth with \$100 grocery gift cards during the 2025 holiday season.



## Enterprise Mobility™

### Enterprise Mobility

Enterprise Mobility pledged \$17,995.34 through its Employer-Employee "Stronger Together" Campaign, with the Foundation receiving these funds through 2026 via one-time donations and monthly payroll deductions. The Enterprise Mobility Foundation, Enterprise's charitable arm, has also matched 50% (\$5,998.45) of employee giving contributions.

# Photo Gallery

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# Donor Contributions

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We are deeply grateful to the following individuals for their generosity and commitment to our mission.

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Thank you for making a lasting difference.

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