

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION OF OTTAWA

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

A YEAR IN REVIEW



HOW WE HELP CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

2019

AT A
GLANCE

Our Mission

The goal of the Children's Aid Foundation of Ottawa (CAFO) is to support children, youth and families involved with The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa (CASO) by supporting initiatives that are not covered by government funding.

Thanks to our generous donors, CAFO is able to fund various programs and activities that supports critical educational, enrichment and essential needs.

Our purpose is to inspire and empower children and youth in child welfare by helping them develop resilience, create life-long memories, and increase their overall well-being.

THE COOKIE JAR FUND



Many children, youth and families involved with CASO face complex challenges and barriers. The Cookie Jar Fund provides essential items and enrichment opportunities to help strengthen these families' home environment.

364 CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES SUPPORTED

CAMP FOR KIDS



Summer camp experiences help children develop leadership and social skills, build confidence levels, and enjoy the outdoors while being physically active.

201 KIDS ATTENDED SUMMER CAMPS

TED & LORETTA ROGERS FOSTER CARE TRANSITION PROGRAM



Funded by the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada, this program helps children transition into foster care by providing them with comfort kits filled with toys, books, and culturally diverse items.

193 KIDS RECEIVED BACKPACKS

THE DARE TO DREAM BURSARY PROGRAM



Bursaries help reduce financial barriers for youth in care so they can pursue their dream of going to college, university, or other vocational training.

46 STUDENTS SUPPORTED

Financial Highlights

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2019
Revenues			
Directed programs	\$ 0	\$ 334,582	\$ 334,581
Special Events and Donations	\$ 331,653	\$ 0	\$ 331,653
Interest Revenue	\$ 18,991	\$ 0	\$ 18,991
In-Kind Donations	\$ 32,272	\$ 0	\$ 32,272
Total Revenues	\$ 382,916	\$ 334,582	\$ 717,497
Expenses			
Fundraising expenses	\$ 142,611	\$ 0	\$ 142,611
Development & Administration	\$ 249,597	\$ 0	\$ 249,597
Charitable Programs			
Dare to Dream	\$ 0	\$ 104,578	\$ 104,578
Shanley Shines Fund	\$ 0	\$ 15,792	\$ 15,792
Scotia Capital Leap to Learn	\$ 0	\$ 15,028	\$ 15,028
Camp for Kids	\$ 0	\$ 90,433	\$ 90,433
Special Needs	\$ 0	\$ 3,086	\$ 3,086
CAS - other	\$ 0	\$ 98,167	\$ 98,167
Youth Transition	\$ 0	\$ 38,196	\$ 38,196
Foster Care Transition	\$ 0	\$ 24,354	\$ 24,354
Total Expenses	\$ 392,208	\$ 389,634	\$ 781,842
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ (9,292)	\$ (55,053)	\$ (64,345)



A word from Walter

The Executive Director

I would like to take a moment to thank our donors and partners for your generosity and commitment in supporting children, youth and families in Ottawa.

As our community's needs evolve, we strive to identify new programs to support children, youth and families. This year, CAFO launched a program to increase supports for youth transitioning out of care. Youth having to make this transition do not always have the supports to do so effectively; they often find themselves alone having to navigate adulthood.

The GPS program allows youth to develop critical life skills and establish connections with mentors who can guide them through their transition and beyond. The success of this program in the last year has proven just how important and helpful this program is going forward.

As donors, I cannot stress enough the significant change you bring to children, youth and families. Thank you once again for a meaningful and successful year and I look forward to what 2020 will bring.

Gratefully yours,

Walter Noble
Executive Director



I took part in this program to learn new skills for when I leave foster care and live by myself. Now that I've successfully completed the program, I'm more better informed on how to manage my finances, prepare meals and manage community resources.

C. beneficiary of GPS Connect