



Preparing youth to transition out of care for successful independent lives

Youth who have (or are about to) leave the child welfare system are enabled with life-skills training, supports, resources and the community connections required to successfully transition to independent young adulthood and go after their dreams.

175 youth helped to transition to independent living



Dare to Dream Bursary Program

Bursaries help remove financial barriers for current and former youth in care so they can pursue their dream of going to college, university, or vocational training programs.

61 students received a bursary



Navigating to High School Graduation

This incredibly effective "Pod Model" learning program introduced during the pandemic continues to provide 'wrap-around' support for youth-in-care and now serves as a learning model for all youth-at-risk across Canada.

199 youth engaged with educators



Camp for Kids

The joy of March Break and Summer camp experiences help children and youth to develop leadership and social skills, build confidence levels, and enjoy the outdoors while being physically active.

235 kids experienced camp



Holiday Gift Program

Community donors give gifts, clothing, gift cards, and monetary donations to help share the cultural holidays with families in Ottawa throughout the year.

1,315 children / families supported



Ted & Loretta Rogers Foster Care Transition Program

As children go into foster care for the first time, they are given 'comfort' backpacks filled with toys, games, books, and other items.

121 kids received comfort kits



Special Needs and Mental Health Support

Funding to provide vital support for physical and mental health needs as well as assistance for those facing extenuating circumstances.

138 children / youth supported



Cookie Jar

For those who need immediate financial assistance for essentials, sporting activities and enrichment opportunities such as music lessons and museum passes.

220 children, youth & families supported



Black and Indigenous Initiatives

Dedicated programming, including youth groups and events, that work towards fostering cultural knowledge, shared values, and inspire community connections for groups over-represented in child welfare.

115 children / youth supported



Doula Community Partnership

Provides new mothers with one-on-one support, offering guidance on recovery and newborn care while providing emotional reassurance and practical assistance during the postpartum period.

11 new mothers received doula care



Supporting kinship families with their unique needs caring for a loved one

Kin caregivers—such as grandparents, siblings, and close family friends—step up to care for children and youth who are not their own, often with little financial support. We support these families with the resources they need to meet unique challenges, ensuring children in kinship care can thrive in stable, loving homes.

62 kin families supported

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2,652



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