



THAMES VALLEY
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FOUNDATION



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2023 - 2024

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Thank You for your support

Welcome to our 2023-24 Annual Report to the Community.

This past year has been filled with exciting achievements and memorable moments. From the Best First Day to the annual Run for the Fund, we reflect on a joyful and impactful year where we supported students and their families through financial challenges and provided funding to schools for various learning enhancement projects.

We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, staff and community partners for your ongoing support in sustaining our programs. Without your involvement we could not make this significant difference in our community.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Foster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Foster, TVEF Board President

The impact

Thanks to your generosity we succeeded in our fundraising goals.

\$1,137,454

total raised

\$1,305,499

total granted and awarded

Your gifts in action

1,160

**students supported through
an Award or Scholarship**

1,500

**students supported through
the Caring Fund**

4,200

**backpacks distributed for the
Best First Day program**

OUR MISSION

Established in 2001, the Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF) is a registered charitable organization affiliated with the Thames Valley District School Board. TVEF exists to build partnerships with the community that enhance opportunities in our schools and enrich public education. Funding comes from our local businesses, grants, community organizations and individuals who wish to support students and families.

Board of Directors

Thank you to our 2023-24 Board of Directors for their guidance and leadership this year.

David Foster, *TVEF President, Community Representative*

Rick Doerr, *TVEF Vice-President/Treasurer, Community Representative*

James Stewart, *TVEF Past-President, Community Representative*

Carol Fortnum, *Community Representative*

Jawad Hossain, *Community Representative*

Mark Fisher, *Director of Education, TVDSB*

Cathy Lynd, *Superintendent, Business Services, TVDSB*

Sheri Polhill, *TVDSB Trustee*

David Cripps, *TVDSB Trustee*

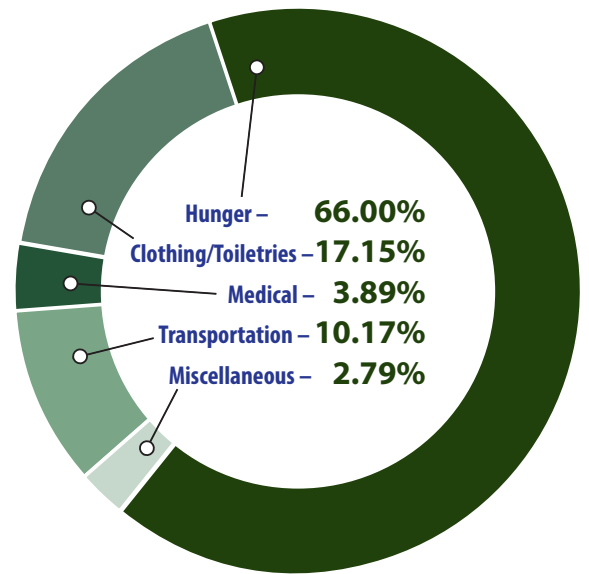


THE CARING FUND

By providing support for essentials such as food, clothing, and emergency expenses, the Caring Fund helps alleviate the stress and distraction that financial instability can cause. This allows students to concentrate on their daily school tasks and opens the door to pursuing opportunities that align with their future goals, which can be key to student success.

To sustain this important program, we rely heavily on community support. Your contributions to the Caring Fund ensure that we can continue to respond swiftly and effectively to the needs of our most vulnerable students, helping them to thrive academically and personally despite the challenges they may face.

Thanks to you, the Caring Fund supported 1003 requests totalling \$337,620 in funding this year. Your gifts helped us to be able to grant every request.



Events that supported the Caring Fund:



\$60,673

Employee Giving

\$75,210

Staff 50/50 Lottery

\$62,170

Giving Tuesday

\$55,966

Run for the FUNd

\$55,300

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\$100,943

Other donations and community support

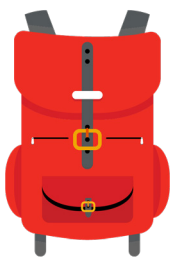
BEST FIRST DAY

What began in 2001 as a small initiative in a basement with two working moms, has grown into a community-wide school supplies drive that ensures students are equipped for success on their first day of school. Over the summer, backpacks and school supplies are collected and distributed to students just in time to start the school year.

This year, an incredible 4,200 backpacks were packed and delivered to students! Each backpack was filled with essential school supplies and distributed to Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) students, local Indigenous communities, and other community partners and School Boards supporting youth in the region.

More than 200 dedicated volunteers joined forces to collect donations, pack supplies, and deliver backpacks to over 170 locations across London, Middlesex, Oxford, and Elgin County. This achievement was made possible thanks to the collective efforts of countless volunteers, schools, community partners, United Way Elgin-Middlesex, and the Salvation Army.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and resources to make this year's Best First Day program a success. This initiative is a significant undertaking, and we are continually inspired by how our community comes together to support its students.



We have raised
\$24,440
for Best First Day!



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF) is proud to manage over 620 awards and scholarships, dedicated to supporting the students within the Thames Valley District School Board. These awards celebrate academic excellence, champion student achievement, and inspire the dreams of students as they pursue their educational and workplace goals.

Each award represents a unique story of perseverance, personal growth, and community involvement. These recognitions highlight the resilience of students who overcame life's challenges and the support they give back to their communities. TVEF is privileged to play a role in these students' journeys, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donors whose generosity makes these awards possible.



We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the School Awards Staff Teams. Their tireless dedication and countless hours of work are essential in ensuring that the achievements of our students are acknowledged and celebrated. The impact of their efforts cannot be overstated, as they play a vital role in inspiring and motivating the next generation of leaders and scholars. TVEF remains deeply committed to empowering students and fostering a culture of success, and we are grateful to all who contribute to this important mission.

This year we awarded \$814,083 awarded to students.

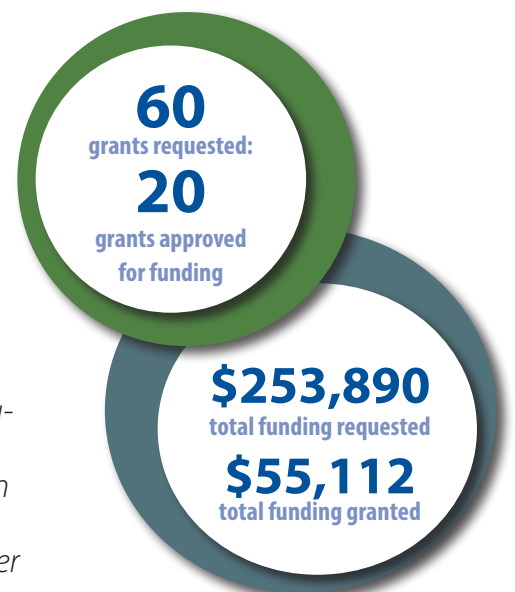
LEARNING ENHANCEMENT FUND

Through the Learning Enhancement Fund projects, that are funded should be designed to enhance positive relationships, equity and diversity, and achievement and well-being in schools. We are grateful to our donors who contribute to this unique funding program from the Thames Valley Education Foundation.

W. Sherwood Fox PS was a 2023-24 recipient for their project 'Books for Breakfast'

"We learned through this process that representation is key and bringing families into the school for a positive experience is vital to building community. Choosing texts that represent the diversity that makes our school so great while sharing stories, food and giving families time with their children in their element filled all of our buckets"

– Teacher



FINANCE REPORT

Each year, we rely on the generosity of donors to meet our fundraising goals. We are funded through private donors, community grants, fundraising event revenues and corporate donations.

Meet Our Finance Committee

Thank you to our 2023-24 Finance Committee for their time and expertise.

Rick Doerr, Chair
Brian Jones

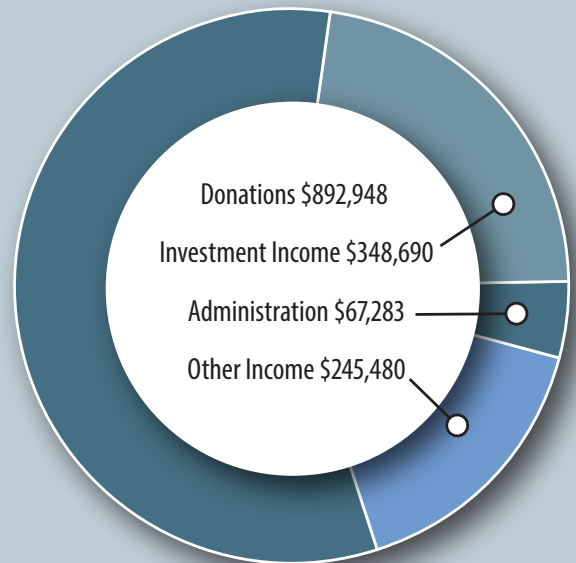
Natalie Trimble
Alex Ryan

Assets
\$9,770,686

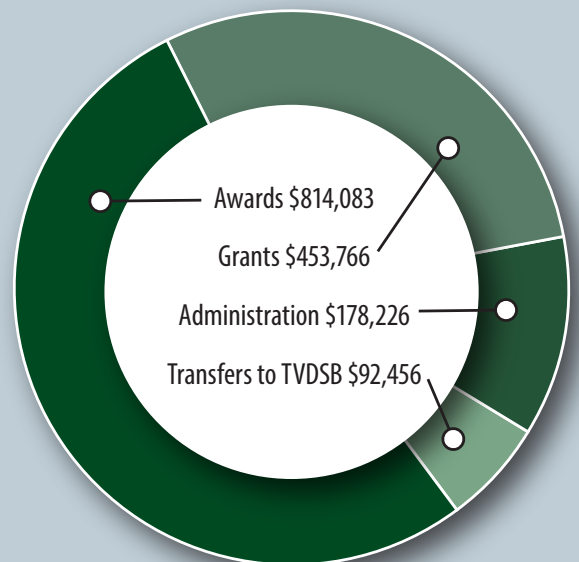
Liabilities
\$506,575

Financial Statement as of August 31, 2024

Revenue \$1,505,057



Expenses \$1,538,531



Results are from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 and audited by Deloitte LLP. You can review the 2023-2024 Financial Audited statements at www.tvdsb.ca/tvef.

Thank You, **to our community**

You made a difference!

With your help, we showed students and families that we care.

Meet Our Team



Cecile Klerks
Acting Executive Director



Lindsay Walker
Caring Fund and Awards Facilitator

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