



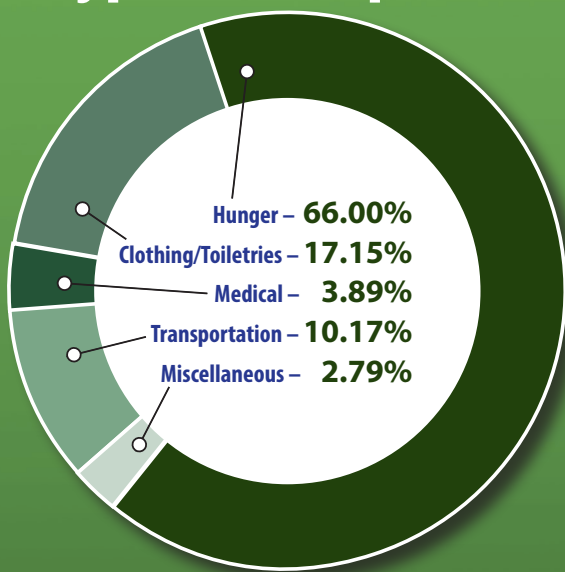
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2023-2024 Impact Report

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Types of requests



Hunger and food scarcity was the highest number of requests this year.

Dear TVEF,

I really appreciated the grocery gift cards presented to me by my guidance counsellor after I told her that I required assistance in that area. She told me it was from the Foundation, and I just want to give my thanks and appreciation because the gift cards help me a lot and reduced stress from myself and my father. So, we can now focus on other important things.

– A student



The Caring Fund is a lifeline for students and their families facing urgent financial needs during challenging times. This program plays a crucial role in supporting families within the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), which covers four districts: London Area, Middlesex County, Elgin County, and Oxford County, encompassing a total of 85,000 students.

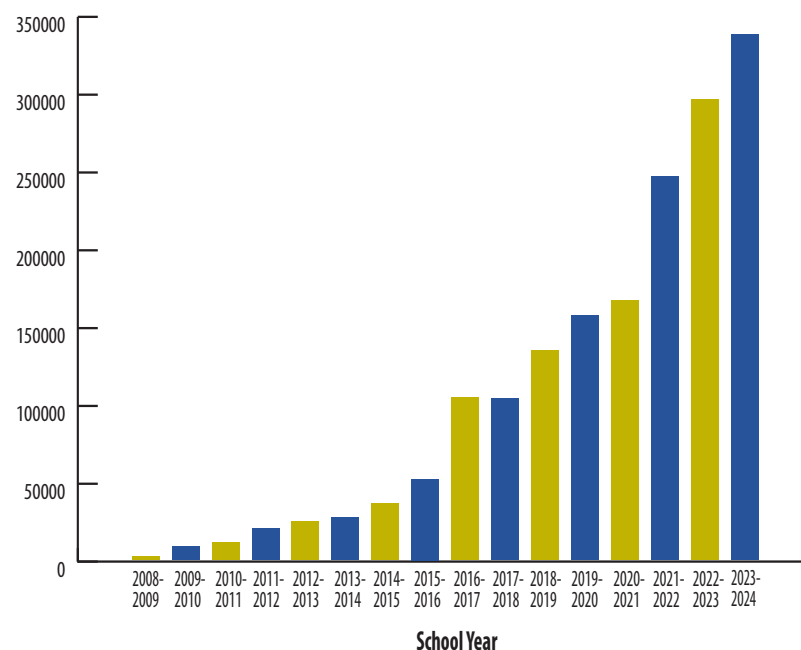
By providing support for essentials such as food, clothing, and emergency expenses, the Caring Fund helps alleviate the stress and distraction that financial instability can cause. To sustain this important program, we rely heavily on community support.

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 face. By contributing to the Caring Fund, supporters are investing in the future of these students and, by extension, the broader community.

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.

Since the first request was granted in 2008, the Caring Fund has supported over 5,500 students and families. That's nearly \$1,700,000 that directly supported students in need.

**Funds
Granted**



You made a difference!

Giving Tuesday raised **\$62,170**

On November 28, 2023, #GivingTuesday brought people together in a global movement of generosity. This inspiring day sparked tremendous support for TVEF, with hundreds of community members rallying behind students' health and well-being, making a significant impact.

Toonie Tuesday raised **\$55,300**

On February 13, 2024, Toonie Tuesday took place within the schools, with students, staff, and families coming together to support their peers and ensure that students in need of financial assistance during difficult times receive the care they deserve.

Run for the FUNd raised **\$55,966**

On June 1, 2024, the peer-to-peer fundraising initiative celebrated its 8th and final year. Hundreds of students, staff and community members signed up and united to support students and families in urgent need of assistance.

Employee Giving raised **\$60,673**

As one of Ontario's largest employee groups, Thames Valley District School Board staff witness firsthand the challenges some students face and the profound impact of the Caring Fund. Through their generous contributions, TVDSB employees demonstrated their support in a powerful way.

Staff 50/50 Lottery **\$75,210**

The 50/50 staff lottery was introduced as a fun and engaging way to give back, helping support students and their families during difficult times. It was a successful year, with staff demonstrating their generosity and commitment.

Private donor and community grants **\$100,943**

TVEF depends on community support, donations, and grants to sustain its programs. Contributions from private donors, corporations, and community grants play a vital role in our success.

Real Requests

“I had a student from a household with a single parent. There was no stable housing and there was suspected drug use in the home. The mother's boyfriend had taken student's shoes and didn't return them. Most of the student's clothing had also disappeared. Student needed help with toiletries and some new clothing articles. The Caring Fund provided the student with the basic hygiene products and some clothing.

“We had a student in one of our alternative education programs who had been granted housing. Thanks to the Caring Fund she was able to move out of a shelter, buy food and toiletries, and housing items to set up her new place. The Caring Fund is a blessing.

“One of our students was having a difficult time socially and academically. The household was under financial stress. Parents were separated and having a difficult time affording new clothing that fits, and personal toiletries items for the student. Our school was able to purchase gift cards through the Caring Fund to support this student and family.

“We have a student where the sole custodial parent had just abandoned the family. The student had been left in the care of a family friend who didn't have the financial means to adequately feed and clothe the student. Government support funds are still going to the legal parent, but this money was no longer being spent on the student. The Caring Fund request was approved within 24 hours, and we were able to purchase a grocery card. The current caregiver could buy food, new shoes for the student (his current shoes were far too small for him) and other necessary clothing items.

“A student and mom have been forced to move to a women's shelter due to abuse in the home. They left with just the bare necessities and are now homeless. With support from the Caring Fund both were able to purchase the things they need for the next few weeks until support via the shelter had them back on their feet. The support from the Caring Fund gave them hope.





*Thank you for supporting our fundraising events,
volunteering with us, advocating for and donating to
Thames Valley Education Foundation's Caring Fund.
Supporting students now will help our community in the future.*

Thank you!



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