



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE: *FOOD FOR KIDS!* Student Home Nutrition Program (SHNP)

BACKGROUND AND FAQ

With TCDSB schools closed due to the COVID-19 health emergency, children and youth are not getting nourished through one of the 184 AFL-funded Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs). The Angel Foundation for Learning, the TCDSB's official charity is working closely with our partners at the Toronto Foundation for Students Success (TFSS), the City of Toronto/Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Child and Social Services, to re-allocate funds to get help out as soon as possible by launching our student home nutrition program initiative called ***FOOD FOR KIDS!***

Q: What is the *FOOD FOR KIDS!* Program?

On a normal day AFL funded SNPs support 60,000 students daily in 167 TCDSB schools, serving over 1.2 million meals per month – but these are not normal times. While the federal government has announced measures to help families, it may take weeks to get support directly to those in need. A gap exists, and the Angel Foundation is getting help out as soon as possible through this unique ***FOOD FOR KIDS!*** initiative to distribute grocery food cards (\$50 per student per TCDSB family).

Q: What help will families receive through this program?

Funds have been secured to provide \$50 (per student per TCDSB family) grocery store food cards. This amount is based on Canadian food and meal costs for a healthy breakfast for a child for 30 days.

Q: How is it funded?

The Angel Foundation is partnering with Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) along with funding from other community groups, individual donors and levels of government (City of Toronto/Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Child and Social Services) who are all seeking a speedy way to support and nourish our children. We are grateful for this support.

Q: Who will receive the funds?

Grocer food card quantities are limited so the TCDSB used evidence-based data from its Equity - Poverty Action Networks (E-PAN) initiative to ensure the most equitable decisions regarding which schools would be eligible to register for the first round of grocery food card funds. As more funds become available, more schools will be added to the eligibility list.

Q. How are students receiving funds?

Families with students in the selected school receive an email and/or voice call from their school Principal inviting them to complete a secure online registration form linked from the Angel Foundation website. This online process was designed by KPMG volunteers with support and guidance from the AFL/TCDSB, and TFSS/TDSB. For those without computer or internet access, as well as families with language barriers, a TCDSB staff member will complete the application on their behalf. Once the student/family information has been verified for the identified school, the food cards will be mailed to the address provided during the online registration.

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