



ANNUAL REPORT 2019



ABOUT THE ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE TRUST FUND

Everyday within our schools, we know that there are children who struggle to learn because they are hungry; or because their feet hurt in shoes that are too small; or because they are worried they will not be able to afford some school or class activity.

For some children these challenges are ongoing. For others, they arise suddenly because of extraordinary circumstances such as illness; a death in their family; a house fire; an accident.

We have a strong tradition within our Catholic schools and within our community to respond to those in need. There are times when the needs go beyond what we as individuals, organizations such as food banks, coat drives, etc., are able to do.

The St. André Bessette Trust Fund was established in 2011 to help bridge the gap and to reach out to those students' families in need. We support the special needs of children, youth and families for learning, food security, housing, health and wellness.

Funded entirely by gifts and charitable donations from individuals and businesses, the St. André Bessette Trust Fund is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of regional community members, Trustees and staff of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board. One hundred percent of all monies donated to the trust fund are disbursed directly to support children and families in need.

We welcome you as partners to embrace the needs of students in our calling by God to a life of service.

WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS

With Grateful Thoughts - Whenever you give, you give from the heart just as the Lord has told us to do... You give without asking for any return. But the Lord above sees it and blesses you too. Thank You! Thank you for your support - it was very helpful.

Please donate to the
St. André Bessette Trust Fund at:



“Access to the St. André Bessette Trust Fund has allowed us to provide some much needed support to many families within our HPCDSB. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to supply families with what they specifically need to aid them in their time of need. These families are very appreciative for the very expedient response and follow through on the requests that have been made on their behalf. It is always with great care and respect that we offer this support, and it is with great feeling that we are able to offer something concrete and meaningful to make these families feel part of our HPCDSB family.”

Five hundred applications from schools within the HPCDSB have been provided assistance in excess of \$165,000 to support students and families within our school communities.

Amazing!

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Dear Members of the Community:

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of the St. André Bessette Trust Fund. This report provides a snapshot of the work that we have accomplished over the school year 2018 - 2019, our ninth year of service to the Huron-Perth Catholic community.



In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis reminds us how important it is for us to practice the “art of accompaniment”, which is to accompany people through their challenges and struggles. This practice goes beyond just “being with” people. It means listening to them, supporting them, and being a living presence of God in their lives. Jesus is the ultimate model for us. He lived with true justice, compassion, mercy, and love; as such, He reminds us that each person is loved by God and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. St. Brother André, who has a special historical connection to the Huron-Perth Catholic community, also provides us with an incredible model for this humble way of being to which we are called. The work of this trust fund is grounded in this way of putting our faith into action by walking with our students and families in their times of need.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to extend our gratitude for your continued support of the St. André Bessette Trust Fund and enabling us to walk with those in our district in need. This past year, we hosted successful fundraising events at our schools, the district Christmas Campaign, and our exciting new Trivia Night which was hosted by the Precious Blood School Community in the spring. We also had many personal and corporate donations, monetary gifts given on behalf of others such as retirees, and of course support in the form of many volunteer hours. We are truly blessed in Huron-Perth Catholic!

Due to generosity of the community, over the 2018 - 2019 school year we were able to honour applications from schools across the district to respond to the extraordinary and ongoing needs of students and families totalling over \$33,000. These funds provided for basic needs such as food, clothing, medical and health supports, fuel and transportation, utilities, as well as support for field trips, and participation in activities to assist in student well-being.

We hope that you will continue to support this important service work, and look forward to hosting you at our bi-annual gala in May 2020!

With gratitude,

Tara Cakebread
Chair, St. André Bessette Trust Fund



St. André Bessette Trust Fund - Financial Report

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2019

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES	2018-2019 YTD	2017-2018 YTD
REVENUE - GENERAL		
Donations, Personal	\$4,042.58	\$2,072.00
Donations, Payroll	\$2,063.00	\$2,917.00
Donations, Schools	\$6,766.48	\$8,336.63
Donations, Canada Helps	\$3,642.88	\$824.93
Donations, Other	\$3,000.00	\$1,125.50
Board Events & Mass Offerings	\$2,329.90	\$1,755.90
Gala Revenue	-	\$26,742.00
Trivia Night	\$5,642.00	-
Other Special Event Revenue	-	-
Interest	\$1,498.54	\$942.83
Total General Revenue	\$28,985.38	\$44,716.79
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL		
Application Payments	\$33,255.79	\$27,208.48
Trivia Night	539.99	-
Gala	-	6,420.51
Total Expenditures - General	\$33,795.78	\$27,208.48
NET REVENUE	\$(4,810.40)	\$17,508.31
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE		
Opening Balance	75,309.31	\$64,221.51
Add: Net Revenue for the Period	\$(4,810.40)	11,087.80
Closing Balance (Bank Balance)	\$70,498.91	\$75,309.31



THE LIFE OF ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

St. Brother André Bessette is Canada's first native-born male saint. St. André was canonized on October 17, 2010 and is the founder of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Quebec.

St. André Bessette dedicated his life to welcoming all persons, especially the sick, lonely and poor to find a home in the healing power of Jesus Christ.

St. André has a special connection to the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board wherein he often visited the hamlet of St. Joseph, Ontario.

There is a statue placed in honour of St. André Bessette at the St. Joseph Memorial Park in St. Joseph, Ontario.