



FACS NIAGARA 
FOUNDATION

2025
Report to Donors





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Message from the Chair and CEO



Year in Review

We are proud to present this year's Annual Report — a reflection of the generosity, partnership, and shared commitment that continue to define our community of supporters.

This past year demonstrated what is possible when we come together in support of children, youth, and families. Through the dedication of our donors, sponsors, volunteers, staff, and community partners, the Foundation continued to invest in our children and youth in ways that support them through challenging times and give them the skills that will allow them to create brighter futures for themselves.

In particular, the support of donors in 2025 allowed FACS Niagara to open a new home in Welland for children living with complex needs. The Orchard is providing support for young people needing some of the most intensive supports at a time when these type of residential placements are in high demand across Ontario.

The stories and achievements highlighted in this report are more than numbers and milestones; they represent lives impacted, barriers reduced, and hope strengthened across our community. Whether through fundraising events, donor support, strategic partnerships, or community advocacy, every contribution played an important role in advancing our impact.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported the Foundation throughout the year. Your generosity and belief in our mission continue to make meaningful change possible.

As we look ahead, we are committed to building on this momentum, strengthening relationships, and finding new ways to support children and families in our community.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

Rhianon

Rhianon Burkholder
Chair
FACS Niagara Foundation

Anna

Anna Bozza
CEO
FACS Niagara

Photo from L to R: FACS Niagara's longest serving foster parent, Betsy Witteveen, Foundation Board Chair Rhianon Burkholder, FACS CEO Anna Bozza



Futures Take Root at The Orchard

The Orchard



From the minute he walked through the doors of the Orchard, Caleb knew this time would be different. As a 14-year-old raised in care, Caleb has experienced several different living situations. Up until this point, he never quite found the right place that both felt like home and could offer him the help that he needed.

“I remember coming in and being super excited,” said Caleb. “I love how diverse it is and how many different activities there are here. I really like to play video games with the other kids.”

The Orchard group home opened in 2025 and was designed to support young people between the ages of 9 and 14 living with complex mental health and behavioural needs.

“I get a lot of help with mental health, therapy, and one-one-one support,” said Caleb. “If I ever need to talk to someone, they’re always available to help me.”

The new home, affectionately named to symbolize growth and development, required extensive renovations prior to opening. We are grateful to our donors who helped make this project a reality.

Legacy Building Partner

The Branscombe Family
Foundation

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Homestead Heroes

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- Niagara Community Foundation:
 - *David S. Howes Fund*
- Rotary Club of Niagara on the Lake
- Wise Guys Charity Fund

Roof Raisers

- CAA Niagara
- John and Rosanne Marsh
- Welland Tim Horton’s Restaurants:
 - *Hay and Petlichkov Families*
- Niagara Community Foundation:
 - *Community Grant*
 - *Philip and Karen Court Family Fund*

LEMONADE

KIDS HELPING KIDS



MOUNTAINVIEW
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FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES NIAGARA



Top Fundraiser
Citrus Twists
\$4,200



LemonAID Day Serves Up Summer Smiles

Held on June 7, 2025, Mountainview LemonAID Day for FACS Niagara served up a super size helping of good news for Niagara children.

\$92,071

Raised on LemonAID Day



381

Campers

713

Weeks of Camp



Fredrich Fairy Juice

\$2,610



Lemon Squeezers of PoCo

\$2,560



Welcome...

Home for the Holidays



Celebrating with Found Family

Youth in and from care come together throughout the year to celebrate the holidays with their peers, the FACS team, and others who care for them. Youth are served nutritious and delicious meals, there are games and opportunities for informal mentorship.

These events are only made possible through donor support.







Gift of Hope

The holidays are a joyful time and everyone should feel cared for and loved.

Every year, community members and donors provide much needed support through our Gift of Hope campaign. This includes gifts, toys, and everything needed to make the holidays special for children being served by FACS Niagara.



380



Children received
holiday gifts

Youth sponsored
with gifts and
items to assist with
the transition to
independence

100







Taking the Next Step, Successfully

The transition into adulthood is one of the most important times in a young person's life. Donor support helps FACS Niagara equip youth in care aged 15-23 with essential life skills that help them to become successful once they begin living independently.



New Outlooks and Beginnings



101

Unique Youth Served
(15 to 18 years) in 2025

40

Average number of skills
sessions each year.

Navigating Adulthood

Served 74 unique youth
between the ages of 19
and 23 in 2025.



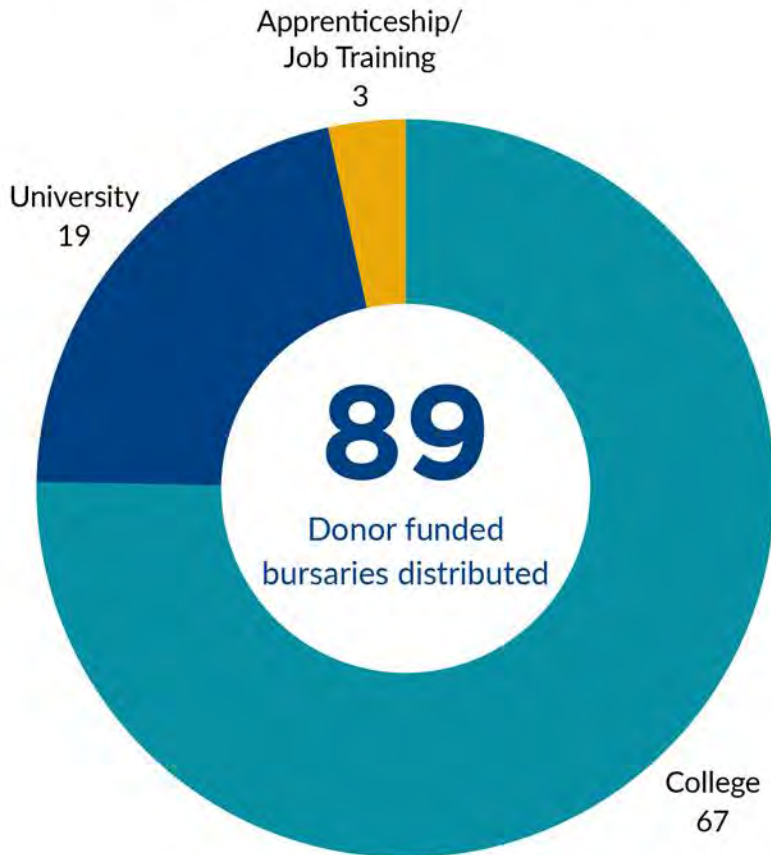
85%

Of youth feel equipped to live
independently and safely in the
community after attending
Navigating Adulthood.

Empowerment Through Education



Donors enable FACS Niagara to provide bursaries of \$2,500 per year to current and former youth in care pursuing any form of postsecondary education.



Bursaries Distributed (5 year history)

2021 - 37

2022 - 50

2023 - 63

2024 - 70

2025 - 89

Financial Statements

Year Ending December 31, 2025



Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS	2025	2024	CURRENT ASSETS	2025	2024
Donations	\$1,379,688	\$735,038	Cash & cash equivalents		
Fundraising Gala	\$138,402	\$104,596	Unrestricted	\$356,869	\$410,636
Gifts in Kind	\$25,992	\$18,610	Externally restricted	\$1,546,161	\$1,183,258
Bank Interest	\$100,398	\$125,995	Other receivables	\$107,473	\$87,102
	\$1,644,480	\$984,239	Prepaid expenses	\$4,831	\$2,093
				\$2,015,334	\$1,683,089
Expenses					
Bank Charges	\$7,200	\$5,150	Endowment Funds	\$774,522	\$686,575
Fundraising Gala	\$50,204	\$48,465		\$2,789,856	\$2,369,664
Promotion	\$20,612	\$28,682			
Gifts in Kind	\$25,992	\$18,610	Current Liability		
Office	\$15,931	\$8,090	Accounts payable	\$111,625	\$111,712
Professional Fees	\$13,953	\$10,747			
Rent & Administration	\$234,256	\$213,904	Fund Balances		
	\$368,148	\$333,648	Unrestricted	\$357,548	\$388,119
			Externally restricted	\$1,546,161	\$1,183,258
Transfers to FACS Niagara	(\$856,053)	(\$715,870)	Endowment	\$774,522	\$686,575
Revenue over (under)				\$2,678,231	\$2,257,952
expenditures	\$420,279	(\$65,279)		\$2,789,856	\$2,369,664

2025 Supporters



We are grateful to the following individuals, foundations, businesses, and community service groups who supported our work in 2025!

\$100,000+

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

\$50,000-\$99,999

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