MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

SD43 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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· Supporting students in need who go on to post-secondary education and/or seek a career in a trade.
· Providing pathways to maximize opportunities for students who are otherwise limited by a lack of financial support, allowing them reach their full potential.
· Supplementing publicly funded education to assist in providing beneficial programming not necessarily funded by SD43 or the Ministry of Education.

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Some of our students have needs that are not being fully met, be it school supplies, technology, extra supports for students of varying abilities or scholarships and bursaries to attend post-secondary opportunities.

If the SD43 Education Foundation assist in funding supports for these children, an incredible impact can be made for these students, their families, and the future. Every child is entitled to an education in a safe and nurturing environment that allows them to reach their full potential.

-CHRISTINE POLLOCK

YOUR IMPACT

In only its second year of operations:

47
Individual, corporate & charitable donations

$4 million
Confirmed in legacy giving

41
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2024
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Imagine a world without music: stages bereft of the patters of ballerina feet, theatres stripped of their actors, and galleries deprived of inquisitive conversation. No art. A culture built upon rationality and devoid of its hallmark creativity. Such a world may never exist, but a lesson from the pandemic provided us with a flavor of what this might look like. Just like hospitals, schools, and homeless shelters, the human spirit requires funding in order to go beyond mere existence. Additional support to nurture a child’s creativity is a critical need to keep these programs thriving.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE STUDENTS**
The purpose of the Restricted Fund is to support vulnerable students through programs and initiatives including, but not limited to: school meal (lunch and breakfast) programs; projects involving community partners; grants to expand scope of supports; after-school programming; mental health and wellness programming; capital expenditures related to supporting vulnerable learners, such as renovations, alternate sites, including Indigenous Learning Centre; transportation of students; and equipment, technology and supplies for students to further support equity in our schools and community.

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS**
As students encounter and struggle with social and emotional changes that occur during the transitional period to adulthood, many educators seek to help students develop skills and dispositions—such as resilience, perseverance, and determination—to ensure that they can problem solve and work through challenges as well as take ownership of their learning and decisions. In order to provide all students with opportunities during this transitional period, many schools implement mentoring programs, which help students develop into responsible adults. There is a great need for effective mentoring relationships in today’s culture, and the potential for academic influence is tremendous.

**ENvironmental Support**
In the face of unprecedented global challenges, we need to go beyond the traditional scope. New ways of thinking – guest lecturers that challenge and can offer novel solutions to real world environmental problems. Preparing engaged global citizens – providing the means and opportunities to explore student passion for changing the world. Building stronger communities – help to support and bring community partners to enrich learning. Providing additional support beyond the funding otherwise made available, helps to make schools a positive and engaged contributor to protecting our environment.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
Socio-economic limitations should not prevent any students from accessing technology. Studies of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) require the appropriate curricular tools. This could be tablets at the elementary level, and more sophisticated laptops for older students. Providing students access to ‘real-life’ tools that they will use in future applications, will prepare all students to be the best they can be, whatever path they take following secondary school. The SD43 Education Foundation is supporting learners by providing access to the tools that perhaps they could otherwise not.

**FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT**
Student learning can be reflected in the facilities where they learn. The SD43 Education Foundation is committed to supporting SD43’s efforts in ensuring that SD43 students are learning in facilities suited to 21st century learning. SD43 has been working hard to install water fountains and water bottle filling stations at schools for student comfort. Additionally, the creation of outdoor learning spaces and inclusive play structures can bring new and equitable experiences to students.
SCHOOL/GRADUATING CLASS TRIBUTE PROGRAM
SHOW RECOGNITION FOR A LOVED ONE OR AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORTER
The SD43 Tribute Program has been designed to allow you to express thanks by making a gift to your school in honour of an individual or an occasion. You can recognize a loved one, a friend, a special teacher or mentor, or make an 'In Memoriam' tribute when someone passes on. Your gift will be honoured through donor recognition programs at the school.

ALUMNI SUPPORT
Schools that rank highest in alumni giving are able to create an environment where students take pride and create ties to their school while developing deep bonds with each other. These connections provide support and build friendships and loyalty.

WAYS TO DONATE
EVERY BIT HELPS
You can make this a one-time gift, a monthly or quarterly gift, and you may designate any amount.
All gifts of $25+ will be issued tax receipts.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Open doors to life-changing opportunities. Benefit the world, as graduates from all walks of life become leaders in their communities and their workplaces.

GIVING FROM YOUR ESTATE
A gift to the SD43 Education Foundation has a lasting impact. It enables a stronger future for our students and broader community. Through an estate gift, you can ensure your passions and values live on. You may designate your gift to a priority that meets your interests, such as scholarships and bursaries, experiential learning opportunities for students, academic programming or supporting student well-being. Alternatively, we can allocate it on your behalf, to an area with the greatest need.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES
Donating securities can be a very attractive option for many donors because it can eliminate capital gains taxes on any publicly listed securities, mutual funds and segregated funds of life insurance companies that are donated to our registered charity.

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-ANONYMOUS DONOR

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