



HOST PROGRAM (Help Our Students)



June 20, 2011

2010-11 Year-end Report

The first complete year of operation has just ended and I am delighted to tell you that it has been a phenomenal success!



Cairine Wilson
Secondary School

Fundraising began in early 2010 in the hope of providing financial support to one student from St. Matthew HS and one student from Cairine Wilson SS. As a result of your generous contributions, the HOST Program was able to support a second student from St. Matthew HS.



St. Matthew
High School

The three students were quite surprised by this support and their Christmas letters attested to that. I have now received their year-end letters and I have included an extract from each one at the end of this report.

Two of our students are graduating while the third one is entering grade 12. Based on the positive reports from the school, the HOST Program will continue to support this student next year.



Lester B. Pearson
High School

Over the course of the year, a number of fundraising endeavours have taken, thanks to the great support from St. Matts and Cairine Wilson staff.

- In March and April, a 50/50 raffle was held at the two schools; in addition to raising \$200, the raffle increased awareness among teachers and staff.
- In June, a Guess How Many Smarties and Jellybeans contest took place at St. Matts. The contest raised \$52 and increased awareness among the student body.

The organizations listed at the bottom of the page have made significant donations to the HOST Program. Without their amazing generosity, it would have been impossible to support three students this past year and to increase the number of students for next year. I should also point out that a number of individuals have made large donations. Although their names are not listed below, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to them.

I am very excited that Lester B. Pearson will join the HOST Program next September. With the support of their Parent Council and other donations, we will support a student from Lester B. next year.

2011-12 Sponsoring Organizations

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council	St. Matthew H.S. Parent Council
Knights of Columbus – Council 7873	Catholic Women's League (Divine Infant)
	North Gloucester Lions Club

Based on the current financial situation, I expect that the HOST Program will provide financial support to at least five students next year. A remarkable achievement in only the second year of operation!

I have attached a financial statement for your review. Please send me any questions or comments.

I would like to express my appreciation to Leanne Bergeron (St. Matthew) and Joanne Muir (Cairine Wilson) for their help and encouragement. Without them, I would not have been able to achieve such great results.

Finally, I must point out that your continued support is necessary if we are to continue to help our students. In an ideal situation, I would like to add one school each year. This ambition, however, can only be met if current donors continue to help and new donors are found. I have attached a Donor Form for your convenience.

I urge you to look for organizations, businesses and friends who might wish to help us. I am always available to speak to anyone about the work of the HOST Program.

Thank you again for making the HOST Program such a success this past year.

Richard Lussier
President
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Extract from Recipients' Letters (June 2011)

"When I got chosen to receive this award, the money that was given to me every month really helped me with my home situation, which made it easier on me a lot to get things for me and any school items. I would also like to report that if I keep my marks up which are in the high 80% range, I will be graduating with honours. The money really gave me time to focus on my schoolwork and not home problems. To anyone who may be reading this letter, you are making the life of one student who is having a hard time into one where they can be a productive member of society."

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"All my life, I have somehow managed to be blessed by numerous encounters with people or events that have helped change my life for the better. At 18 years of age, I often find it hard to tell my life story to others as I always feel that I am complaining. I come from a divorced family, a workaholic father and a mother suffering from mental health and alcoholism. In my grade 8, my grandmother was murdered at the hands of her husband in a domestic dispute. At age 16, I moved to Ottawa for a fresh start with my mother and unfortunately could not remain living with her due to her ongoing mental health and substance abuse.

The HOST Program is one of the best opportunities I have had all year. Being in grade 12 and financially struggling, it allowed me to feel confident that I would be able to attend university after working hard to maintain an 85-90% average. For me, the HOST Program showed me that I meant something to the Orleans community and that there were people who cared about my well-being and the hard work I was putting into school.

I sincerely thank all those who have donated towards this program because without this help, I may not have been able to pursue my dream of post-secondary education. More importantly, however, is that I was shown a generosity that I will continue to pass on by volunteering myself."

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"When I was first chosen for this program, I just couldn't believe that after having gone through some of the things I have in my life, all of a sudden for someone to do this for me was hard to comprehend.

This year has been rough. I lived with my mom and step-dad then for three months I lived on my own. The money I received has helped me to stay afloat. It has helped provide a safety net for food or supplies when needed. When the first of every month came around, I felt relieved to know that there was something there for me to live off of. It is hard enough to have a rough time outside of school but it is important for me to try to keep up my grades.

I hope that his donors continue to support Mr. Lussier. I would like him to know that as soon as I can, I would like to support the program as well."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT As at 10 June 2011

ASSETS

Royal Bank Main Account	\$ 23.75
Royal Bank Savings Account	<u>3,804.09</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	3,827.84

LIABILITIES

Restricted for administration	8.75
Restricted Reserve for Cairine Wilson	570.00
Restricted Reserve for St. Matthew	1,721.00
Unrestricted Reserve	<u>1,528.09</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,827.84

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DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS For the period 1 Feb 2010 – 10 June 2011

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Restricted for St. Matthew High School	\$ 3,721.00
Restricted for Cairine Wilson Secondary School	970.00
Restricted for administration	50.00
Unrestricted (including interest earned)	<u>2,128.09</u>
Total donations received	6,869.09

DISBURSEMENTS

2010-11 Awards (3 students)	3,000.00
Bank fees	<u>41.25</u>
Total disbursements	\$ 3,041.25



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Donor Form

Company name: _____

Company address: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Amount of donation: \$_____

Note: Please make your cheque payable to either the Ottawa Catholic School Board or the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

I wish the tax receipt to be issued to: Company [] Contact name: []

I wish to direct this donation as follows:

[] to be used for students of any participating school as needed.

[] reserved for St. Matthew High School students

[] reserved for Lester B. Pearson High School students

[] reserved for Cairine Wilson Secondary School students

Please send the completed Donor Form, along with your donation, to either one of the participating schools:

Ottawa Catholic School Board

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Student Services
St. Matthew High School
6550 Bilberry Drive,
Orleans, Ontario
K1C 2S9

Mr. Frank Nigro
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Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

Ms. Joanne Muir
Student Success
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