



# HELP OUR STUDENTS (HOST) PROGRAM REPORT TO DONORS - December 2012



*Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.*

*Scott Adams*

## Participating High Schools

Cairine Wilson

Gloucester

Lester B. Pearson

Mother Teresa

St. Matthew

St. Peter

I am very happy to send you this update Report. What began as a modest effort to help three students in 2010 has turned into support for twelve students! As the excerpts to the recipients' letters will attest, your donations are making an incredible impact on the lives of these young men and women. Not only are we helping them financially but we are giving them hope for the future and showing them that there are many people who are willing to help young people in our community. I am always impressed by their realization that people care about each other and they often express a commitment to do the same when they eventually can.

Six high schools now participate in the HOST Program and my hope is to add at least one new school each year. With so many new and renewing donations, it was easy this year to double our support from six to twelve. I get nervous about being able to continue this level of commitment beyond the current year, especially for our recipients who are in grade 10 or 11. However, eight of our twelve recipients are currently in Grade 12 so we have some flexibility in determining how many students we will be able to help next year. Given your generosity since we started the HOST Program, I am very confident that we can continue to grow, eventually reaching the goal of supporting at least one student in each of our 50 Ottawa youth high schools.

I am very excited to tell you that we now have our own web site: [www.host-program.org](http://www.host-program.org). I will use the website to post my Reports, excerpts from all of our recipients' letters and other useful information. Your comments on how I can improve it would be most welcome.

I am also pleased to tell you that the Ottawa Citizen has published a story I wrote about what inspired me to start the HOST Program. You can read it by following this link:

<http://www.canada.com/life/theholidayguide12/Helping+students+need/7732846/story.html>

As usual I have attached excerpts from this year's recipients' letters, a current financial statement and a Donor Form (for your friends, family and colleagues). If you have any comments or questions, please contact me by email ([rickandlinda59@rogers.com](mailto:rickandlinda59@rogers.com) or [info@host-program.org](mailto:info@host-program.org)) or by telephone (613-983-3633).

My wife and I offer you and your family our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Richard Lussier  
President, HOST Program

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