



HELP OUR STUDENTS (HOST) PROGRAM



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Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.
Molière

It's hard to believe that we have just concluded our third year of the HOST Program. In that time, we have provided financial and moral support to nine students from four local high schools. When you read their letters of appreciation, you can see that we are making a real difference in their lives.

This June, two of our students completed high school, for a total of four since we began. The goal of the HOST Program is to help students in financial difficulty finish high school. So far, so good, thanks to your incredible generosity.

I want to thank all of you who donated to the HOST program, including the staff and students of the participating schools for organizing fundraising activities. These activities raise funds but also raise awareness in the schools about the Program.

You might be wondering why we have such a healthy balance in our bank account. The challenge in managing this program is to help as many students as possible while ensuring that there are sufficient funds in reserve to provide financial assistance until they graduate. Some years, the new recipients are in Grade 12 so we only need \$1,000 until they graduate. However, we often have new recipients who are in Grade 10, so we need to be reasonably certain that we can provide the \$3,000 that will be required to provide support for the three years until they graduate. In every case, school staff must confirm each year that the student still meets the Program criteria: they are hard-working and are in a difficult financial situation. I hope this explains why we do not spend all of our donations each year.

Based on modest projections of future donation levels, I expect that we can add two more students next year, one from a school already participating in the HOST Program and one from our new participating school, Gloucester High School. This will bring our totals to five high schools and eight students!

As usual, I have attached excerpts from the recipients' letters as well as a financial statement and a Donor Form. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your support and I wish you a very good summer.

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