



The **Education Foundation of Niagara** was established to provide funding for projects designed to enhance learning opportunities, using new and creative approaches for served by the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN).

Funding supports many programs and initiatives provided by DSBN schools; mitigates circumstances of poverty related issues and supports lifetime learning through post-secondary student awards. EFN has been actively raising funds and disbursing grants since 2006.

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Mission: To enhance learning opportunities for students of the DSBN.

Vision: To build and sustain a vibrant, healthy and educated community of Niagara.

Geographical Impact: 41,000 students living in the entire Niagara Region.

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Funding Priorities:

1. Enhanced learning opportunities for students, particularly for nutrition programs, the arts, health and fitness activities, environmental programs, science and technology, character building, literacy and numeracy and special needs education.
2. Intervention activities in response to poverty and in collaboration with community partners.
3. Celebration and encouragement to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities.



“On behalf of the trustees of the DSBN I would like to affirm our support for the Education Foundation of Niagara and it’s benefits to our students. Any additional resources and support we can utilize for our students is greatly appreciated. EFN raises funds for a variety of our system needs that cannot be met from government funding alone. If you are a supporter of Public Education in Niagara, I urge you to support the EFN in any capacity you can. Our students are our future, so think about making an investment in our future through your support of the EFN.”

Kevin Maves, Chair, DSBN Board of Education

EFN FUNDING

Program Enhancement Grants

These projects can make a tremendous difference in what and how a child will learn. EFN provides funding not available from any other source for these enhanced learning opportunities. Program Enhancement Grant opportunities were created to support innovative projects and program enhancements for Breakfast Programs, Literacy and Numeracy, Science & Technology, Arts and Culture, Environmental Projects, Character Building and Special Needs Education.



EFN Student Achievement Awards

Developed in 2008 to support graduating students who are going on to college, apprenticeship or certification courses from a post-secondary educational institution and who had worked to the best of their ability in their studies and demonstrated a positive attitude, citizenship and potential.

The Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund

Created in 2008 in order to respond to emergency requests for students in need because of poverty and emergency situations, the Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund has supported students in times of emergency and / or dire need and has assisted to equalize educational opportunities for all students.



EFN EVENTS

EFN Golf Classic

This corporate golf tournament is held each May and includes EFN and DSBN suppliers, partners and supporters as well as DSBN Administrative and Head Office Staff. In its third year, the event has raised over \$70,000 and the funds are earmarked for operational and program needs.

EFN Gala It's All About the Kids

This event is designed for EFN and DSBN suppliers, partners and supporters, DSBN Administrative and Head Office Staff, the non-profit community, parents and friends of the Foundation. Held each November, this event attracts an intimate 200 people and has profited over \$50,000 for operational and program needs.

Prom Project Niagara

In the spirit of community sharing and support, this project celebrates the achievements of high school and elementary school students who have overcome adversity in reaching the milestone of graduation. This event assists those graduates that may have economic difficulties attending their prom or graduation event by providing free formal attire so they may attend their special day.

DSBN Staff Retiree Reunion

As part of our community outreach program, this event attracts retired and current District School Board of Niagara staff including teachers, administrators, support staff and management and is held at Henley Island in the fall.

DSBN Event Partnerships

The DSBN staff of both head office and the individual schools volunteer to run many events in our system and three key events donate funds back to organizations such as ours. Events include DSBN Staff Golf Tournament, DSBN Road Race and DSBN A Night for the Kids where approximately \$10,000 is donated annually to the EFN fund.



EFN FUNDRAISING

The Education Foundation of Niagara has several recognition programs that help raise the funds needed for Program Enhancement Grant Disbursements, Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund, Student Achievement Awards, and the Sustainability Fund.

Donations are typically unrestricted, in which case the Foundation will use the contribution where it is most needed. Restricted donations can be made to a campaign, a municipality, a program or a school.

The Foundation accepts donations in a variety of methods, depending on the wishes of the donor:

- General monetary donation (restricted and unrestricted)
- Corporate and community grants
- In-kind donations (fair market value)
- Gifts in honour or memoriam
- Planned giving such as life insurance and bequests
- Gifts of securities
- Memberships
- Endowment building
- Student Achievement Award Fund



Visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on donations and the benefits received.

Program Grant Donors

Program Grant Donors are individuals, companies, schools or organizations that contribute to part of the cost of the Program Enhancement Grants to schools for innovative programming that is not part of Ministry funding. These contributions are pooled with Donors and are allocated by application to schools twice annually in areas of the arts, healthy lifestyles, breakfast programs and science and technology, special needs education and environmental practices.

Make Change Donors

Make Change Donors are individuals, companies, schools or organizations that restrict their donation to the Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund where bursaries are made to students at an average cost of \$100 to mitigate and relieve circumstances of poverty and greatest need. Make Change Donors benefit from all donor recognition programs, depending on the level of giving and are also represented in all Make Change For Children Campaign information and communications.

Scholars Donor

Scholar Donors are individuals, companies, schools or organizations who donate a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$5000 and choose to direct the funds to the Student Achievement Awards that are allocated to one student in each Secondary School to support the desire to advance to post-secondary education (college, certification or apprenticeship).

Membership Donors

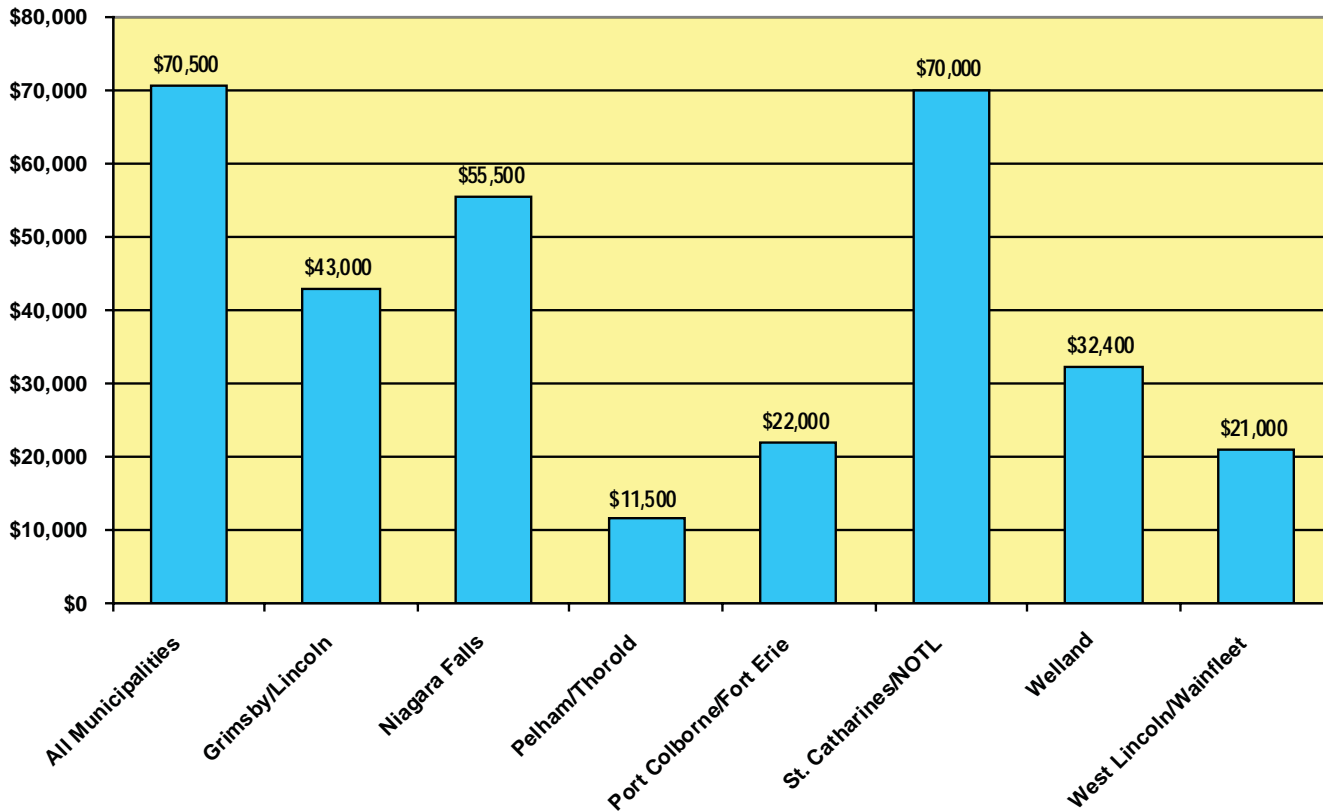
Annual Membership of \$30, Lifetime membership of \$300 or Lifetime Organizational membership of \$500 assists our efforts to run the programs. Member benefits include membership listing on marketing materials and a charitable tax receipt.

“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”

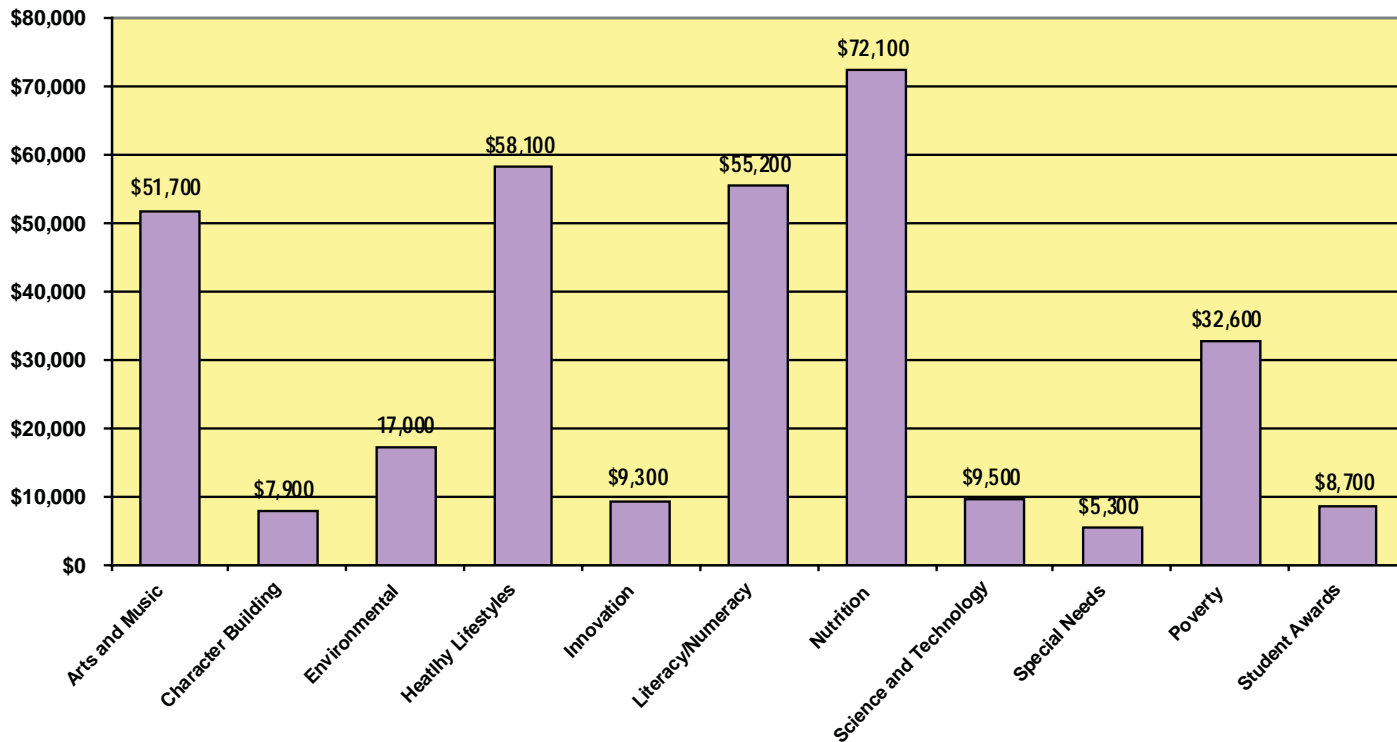
Ryunosuke Satoro

Since November 2006, over \$325,000 has been granted...

By Municipality



By Program



Every child has the right to an education.