

2023 Annual Report









Calgary Catholic Education Foundation

Vision

Together with our community, the Foundation supports opportunities to develop our students into tomorrow's leaders.

Mission

The Foundation is focused on enriching the educational experience of students within the Calgary Catholic School District.

Values

Education, Opportunity, Caring, Hope, Faith. We believe...

- Education is everyone's business and everyone's responsibility
- We can empower students through quality educational opportunities
- All students should be connected to safe, caring and engaging learning environments
- In working together, with hope, towards ideals, dreams can be achieved
- Our faith is at the heart of understanding who we are and our place in the world.

Land Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai Nations; we would also like to acknowledge the territory of Treaty Seven, that is also home to the Tsuut'ina Nation and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations of Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Goodstoney, and the Métis Nation and all the people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We respect and affirm the inherent and treaty rights of Indigenous people and we recognize the contributions of the Métis, Inuit and all Indigenous peoples have and continue to make in shaping and strengthening our community and country.

Message from The Chair



In 2008, Bishop Emeritus Henry, in consultation with our Catholic community and the Calgary Catholic School District, instructed Catholics in the Diocese to cease participation in casino fundraisers as they are a cause of social injustice in the family unit. As a result of this teaching, a group of like-minded Catholics came together to create the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation to fill the fundraising void.

Since 2009, the CCEF has awarded over \$3.6 million to schools, impacting thousands of students' lives for the better. We continue to rely on the support of our greater Catholic community to come together and ensure we are creating the best Catholic education opportunities for students

today and in the future. We achieve this through Catholic Education Sunday, held yearly in November. While I am now a retired teacher and trustee, a grandparent with grandchildren in our Catholic schools, and a daughter who is a teacher, I continue to support our Catholic schools as our bishops call on all of us to do.

In early 2023, our board strategized our funding model. In addition to our grants, the CCEF supports schools directly with their fundraising needs, allowing them to tap into our vast expertise, including raffles, grants and partnerships to help with playgrounds, field trips, and so many more projects at the school level. However, some schools in local communities facing economic challenges rely on our grants and large raffles to help them offset costs and ensure all students can participate fully in school without financial barriers.

Thanks to our strong leadership, relationships are turning into partnerships that will have long-term impacts on our schools, such as the Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink. We've begun accepting endowments for scholarships that benefit only our Catholic students pursuing post-secondary, giving them more access to funds to help them pursue their dreams.

Your support, be it as a current staff member who can donate through payroll donations, a corporate employee whose employer matches funds through Benevity, a retiree who wants to leave a legacy, or an alumna who wants to give back, each of us can make a lasting impact. And as our Bishops have called us to do, I invite you to support the CCEF and benefit our students today and tomorrow.

Let us come together as a Catholic community of caring to ensure that our 140-year legacy of Catholic education continues for future generations.

God Bless,
Serafino Scarpino
Board Chair



Message from Leadership



Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

While that is the 2023-2024 school year theme in the Calgary Catholic School District, I cannot sing this verse enough for the changes the CCEF has seen. 2022-2023 proved to be a turning point in our journey. We are witnessing our years of relationship building transforming into something positive. Our ability to truly connect with our donors, be it long-term relationships or new encounters, is seeing our message well received.

Our signature fundraiser, Catholic Education Sunday, a day set aside to testify to the gift of Catholic education in Alberta, saw a return to increased levels of participation by school district staff and students seeing participation across the

45 parishes in Calgary, Airdrie, Chestermere, and Cochrane.

The CCEF awarded \$125,000 in grants, which supported 42 projects and impacted over 16,000 students through the grant streams of leading-edge technology, social justice, safe and faith-filled schools, leadership, and Campus Calgary/Open Minds®. You can read more about these heartwarming stories further in our report.

We moved our biennial raffle to an annual raffle and saw it become the most successful one in our history. We also innovated our raffle by partnering the 50/50 portion with the schools so that they could fundraise alongside the CCEF by receiving 25% of the sale proceeds with the in-support portion. As a result, over \$13,000 was shared with the schools to use for enhanced opportunities without waiting for a grant application.

In June, we curated the beautiful Ignite the Spark Gala at Telus Spark and continued to tell our grant stories in collaboration with our friends at Access52. We were blessed with live performances by the Bishop Carroll Jazz Band, Janelle Reinhart, Michael Chiasson, Cherokee Eagletail and Tristen Eagletail.

For the 3rd consecutive year, we were chosen as one of over 200 charity partners with the Shaw Charity Classic: Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by Altalink. This partnership allows us to match up to 50% in funding. We were welcomed as one of the key charity partners during the Shaw Charity Classic PGA event. We hosted a tent where we welcomed hundreds of patrons of all ages to participate in our fun golf games and speak with us about our essential work amongst our Catholic community.

For the CCEF 38th Annual District Golf Tournament, we welcomed a record of 119 golfers, 20 sponsors, and over 40 volunteers on what proved to be a fantastic golf day despite the earlier rain. This key event continues to provide a culture and climate event for staff and the opportunity for the CCEF to create a charitable event.

Our board strategized our mission and vision in early 2023. We are now offering our fundraising capabilities directly to the schools to assist them in fundraising for their community needs. This can be for music programs, technology, and even playgrounds. We are excited about the opportunities this will bring to the schools and our broader community. We know that some schools will always have an active parent base, but sadly, others need some additional support, and that's where the CCEF can act as their fiscal agent on record.

We wouldn't be growing our foundation if it weren't for the continued support of the CCSD, who welcomed us physically into the central office, allowing for more collaborative work. Their investment allowed us to welcome a new staff member to help us continue to chart our way.

Thank you to our board, which continues to have a vision of supporting our small but mighty foundation in spreading the good news of Catholic education.

Thank you for believing in Catholic education,
Janet Lymer, CFRE
Executive Director



Message from The Chief Superintendent



The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) is proud to be partnered with the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF). Their passion and dedication to Catholic education and the students within our school board is cherished.

In September 2022 we welcomed the CCEF offices to the CCSD's Central Office located in downtown Calgary. The CCEF's executive director Janet Lymer and marketing coordinator Sam Berry can now be found on the 12th floor. This move has allowed for closer collaboration and face time between their team and ours.

In addition to the move, the foundation continued to find success this year. This includes a significant upward trend in grants which directly support

students and enhanced learning opportunities in our schools. This year they received \$150,000, up from \$125,000 in 2022-2023 and \$80,000 in 2021-2022.

They also made some exciting changes to their fundraising initiatives such as supporting our schools with playground fundraising and tailoring funding to meet individual school needs. They also received their first-ever endowment to award scholarships to KARA Program graduates beginning in approximately May/June 2024.

In August 2023, the CCEF hosted another successful annual golf tournament where they welcomed a record-breaking golfer turnout. The event brought together 119 golfers, 20 sponsors and more than 40 volunteers, making it a true culture and climate event hosted at the Blue Devil Golf Course. A huge thank you goes out to all those who volunteered.

On behalf of the Calgary Catholic School District, I would like to thank the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation for their ongoing efforts and dedication to supporting Catholic education at our district.

Many blessings,
Dr. Bryan Szumlas
Chief Superintendent



Message from The Bishop



February 22, 2024 Chair of St. Peter, Apostle, Feast

Dear Calgary Catholic Education Foundation,

As Catholics this feast recognizes that we are united in Christ through the authority entrusted by the Lord to St. Peter and to the Pope who is his successor. The Chair of St. Peter further signifies the Will of Christ for the Church that it be united in faith and through its ministry be a living sacrament of grace, salvation, and redemption.

In baptism, we received a new mission and purpose so that our lives would become a leaven within the world that is in need of God's life and love. Through Catholic Education, we help parents as a community of faith to shape the lives of their children according to the mission and purpose that the Lord has entrusted to us as His disciples.

Your work of uniting the faithful to support Catholic Education contributes significantly to the good and benefit of families and local communities that desire a meaningful and purposeful life for their children. The holistic formation offered by our Catholic schools integrates academic excellence and the permeation of faith which shapes the ethical and moral life of students. They are being formed to be compassionate and effective leaders who will help to promote a more human society.

May you continue to encourage families to celebrate and support the gift of Catholic Education in Alberta so that it continues to flourish for years to come. May the Lord move the hearts of our parishioners to support the mission of our Catholic school system and to become strong and grateful advocates for Catholic Education.

Wishing you God's continued guidance and blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

₩William T. McGrattan Bishop of Calgary

Catholic Education Sunday

In November 2023, we were warmly welcomed into our parishes in the Diocese of Calgary to testify to the gift of Catholic Education. 123 readers attended 155 masses across 45 parishes in Calgary, Chestermere, Airdrie, and Cochrane, bringing with them their school banners. This yearly appeal to the parishioners of our Diocese is critical in meeting the CCEF funding needs.

In 2008, all Catholic schools ceased participating in casino fundraisers as they are a social injustice on the family unit. In its place, the Diocese of Calgary granted the CCEF the opportunity to organize readers for Catholic Education Sunday and receive a second collection which is then distributed to the CCEF, St. Mary's University, St. Joseph Seminary at Newman Theological College and the Catholic schools of Franco-Sud.

We are deeply thankful for the support received from the Catholic Diocese of Calgary and its parishioners.



CCEF Ignite the Spark Gala

June 1st, 2023, marked the Second Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Fundraising Gala, Ignite the Spark, taking place at TELUS Spark. CCSD's very own Bishop Carroll Jazz Band welcomed attendees to the gala along with Michael Chiasson, Master of Ceremonies, who created a beautiful night of celebration and fundraising. We were blessed to have the amazing Janelle Reinhart perform with Michael as well as her talented daughter Monique.

The CCEF Gala brought together parents, community members, educators, and corporate sponsors to celebrate Catholic Education and support the ongoing enhancement of learning opportunities for students. Through donations, the CCEF Gala had a significant impact on the overall fundraising total for 2022/2023. Funds raised from the Gala were used to support the various initiatives of the CCEF and those of the Catholic Schools within the Calgary and Area community. Our Ignite the Spark Gala would not have been possible without the help of our generous sponsors and event partners, to whom we are extremely thankful.





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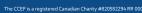












38th Annual Golf Tournament

The CCEF 38th Annual District Golf Tournament was an outstanding success. This year 119 golfers participated in our charity event, and we were fortunate to have 20 generous sponsors who played a huge part in making this event a rewarding one.

We are grateful to our team of 43 volunteers who assisted in bringing this event together. From setup to takedown, our volunteers helped with check-in, hole monitoring, managing the sales of raffle prizes and 50/50 tickets, and even contributed to the assembly of swag bags weeks prior to the event. We are looking forward to the CCEF 39th Annual Golf Tournament on August 20th, 2024.



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Shaw Birdies for Kids Presented by AltaLink

In 2023 the CCEF was honoured to have a booth at the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers. The tournament aims to provide Calgary with a world-class professional sporting event accessible to families and bring much needed

donations to local charities. The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers is backed by a philanthropic group of Calgary business leaders known as "The Patron Group". They created the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers - the PGA TOUR Champions' only Canadian event.

Thanks to the leadership of the entire Patron Group, and the unwavering commitment of Albertans who show up to support more than 270 charitable groups, the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers has now raised more than \$112.3 million for children in need.



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District Day 2023

District Day 2023 was a remarkable event that brought together the Calgary Hitmen and the Calgary Catholic School District in a joint effort to support the community. The collaboration resulted in an outstanding fundraising achievement, with an impressive \$5,830 raised for the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation. The synergy between the hockey team and the school district showcased the power of community partnerships, demonstrating how sports and education can join forces to make a positive impact. The funds raised during District Day will undoubtedly contribute to the CCEF's mission, supporting educational initiatives and programs that benefit students and enhance the overall learning experience in the Calgary Catholic School District. It was a day filled with camaraderie, philanthropy, and the shared commitment to building a stronger and more vibrant community for everyone involved.



17,063 TICKETS SOLD FROM 2008–2024

\$5,830 RAISED IN 2023





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DISTRICT DAY
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CCEF Cash Raffle & 50/50 Add-On

The 2023 Cash Raffle & 50/50 Add-On was a resounding success which saw over \$81,000 raised for the CCEF. New this year, was the opportunity for schools to participate in the 50/50 Add-On and they received \$13,590. Over \$67,000 was directed to the 2023/2024 school grants. The CCEF is grateful for the partnerships it received from: Country 105, our media partner and RaffleBox, our platform technology partner.

Our 7 prize winners who all supported their school, were thrilled to receive the news of their winnings. But nobody was more surprised than Abinet A. to get a second call letting him know that he had not only won the \$5,000 Early Bird Prize, but also the \$10,000 Grand Prize. Our 50/50 winner was Connie H-D. who had recently retired from the school district after many years of service.

The CCEF awards cash prizes to provide the greatest benefit to the schools and to reduce prize expenses. We look forward to building on this raffle to support our publicly funded schools.









\$13,000

DIRECTLY DISTRIBUTED TO CCSD SCHOOLS

Campus Calgary/Open Minds®





In 2018, the Bishop's Dinner blessed the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation as a recipient. The generous fund from this event supports Campus Calgary/Open Minds® programs in schools. The CCEF board elected to support CC/OM® programs for five years to benefit the greatest number of schools with this enriching opportunity.

In 2023, the CCEF supported 561 students in 10 schools and 20 classrooms to participate in this unique experience. At the CCEF, we strive to ensure that distinctive educational opportunities remain open to our students. Interested individuals can make specific donations for this program on a monthly basis.













School Fundraising

JustGiving - Directed Donations to Schools

The CCEF has launched a new platform for schools to target their school community for fundraising. The platform is called JUST GIVING, and is managed by the CCEF on behalf of schools, providing curated opportunities for the schools to meet their fundraising needs.

JustGiving®



SkipTheDepot

Skip the Depot® has been an invaluable partner with the CCEF since 2020. In 2023, we evolved that partnership to support schools directly in fundraising through recycling. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships and find new and innovative ways to benefit our schools.





Playground Fundraisers

In 2023, The CCEF began partnering directly with schools to assist in their fundraising for new playgrounds. The CCEF acts as the fiscal agent on record for the schools to help them achieve their fundraising goals of anywhere between \$250,000 and \$450,000 by using its array of fundraising avenues. Playgrounds are an integral part of childhood development and a key component to a vibrant school community.





KARA Scholarship

In 2023, The CCEF received an endowment from the KARA Advisory Council to assist pregnant and parenting students to reach their full potential when pursuing their post secondary goals. As a Catholic community of caring, it is incumbent upon all to support our most vulnerable students. In 2024, the KARA Scholarship will award its first scholarship to a student in Calgary Catholic School District who has participated in the KARA program.

Scholarships and bursaries play a critical role in supporting our Catholic students pursuing post-secondary to continue growing in our Catholic faith. The CCEF is pleased to launch this dedicated donation channel to meet student needs.

KARA Program

The KARA Program is specifically designed to offer support, guidance, and education to both pregnant and parenting students within the Calgary Catholic School District. The program is administered through St-Anne Academic Centre and in 2023/2024 The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation became the fundraising support for the KARA Program.



2023 Grants

NORTHEAST SCHOOLS

School	Project	Awarded Amount
Apostles of Jesus School	Sensory Room	\$4,000.00
Ascension of Our Lord	Ascension of Our Lord School Chromebook Expansion	\$4,380.00
Father Scollen School	A Display of Faith - Supporting our Diverse Learners through UDL Principles	\$2,491.00
Notre Dame High School	Campus Calgary at the ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning at Arts Commons. Grades 10-11-12	\$1,250.00
St. Alphonsus School	Creating With Chromebooks	\$2,190.00
St. John XXIII School	STEM Learning for Students	\$2,232.18
St. Kateri Tekakwitha School	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chromebook Technology Project	\$4,380.00
St. Mark School	Investing in our Future	\$4,000.00
St. Martha School	Tech 2 Translate and Learn	\$4,380.00
St. Rose of Lima School	2 Loft Interactive Displays	\$2,491.00



NORTHWEST SCHOOLS

School	Project	Awarded Amount
Monsignor Neville Anderson School	Zoo School, Grade 5/4 class	\$1,250.00
St. Henry School	Leading Edge Learning Opportunities through Technology	\$1,125.00
St. Basil School	Grade 3 Kelli HendersonJube School Grade 3 WojtkiwArts Commons	\$2,500.00
St. Elizabeth Seton School	Project Chromebook	\$2,555.00
St. Joseph School	CC/OM CITY HALL SCHOOL	\$1,250.00
St. Josephine Bakhita School	CC/OM®	\$5,000.00
St. Luke School	Science School at Telus Spark Grades 1, 3, and 3/4	\$3,750.00
St. Maria Goretti School	Music to My Ears	\$2,491.00
St. Pius X School	City Hall School "Voices of Calgary": Grade 6	\$1,250.00
St. Rita School	Loft Link to Learning	\$2,491.00



 $Note: Segmentation \ is \ based \ on \ Central \ Office's \ division \ amongst \ leadership. \ Schools \ may \ not \ \ always \ line \ up \ geographically.$

SOUTHEAST SCHOOLS

School	Project	Awarded Amount
All Saints High School	St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Medicine Wheel) Learning Garden	\$4,703.00
Bishop Kidd School	Equity in Technology	\$4,380.00
Bishop O'Byrne High School	Learning in 2023	\$2,491.00
Don Bosco School	Truth & Reconciliation Through Sport	\$2,550.00
Father Lacombe HS	Physical Activity is Not a Destination, It is a Way of Life	\$4,300.00
Holy Cross School	Technology for the Future: Limiting Barriers to Improve Student Achievement	\$4,380.00
St. Boniface School	PeW Leadership, Citizenship, Stewardship building and development	\$3,000.00
St. Matthew School	Outdoor Education FinS, and Flipforms for Drama	\$1,751.00



SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS

School	Project	Awarded Amount
Guardian Angel School	2 grade 1 classes attending Zoo School	\$2,500.00
Our Lady of Peace School	OLP Technology Update	\$2,491.00
Sacred Heart School	Technology for the Future	\$2,491.00
St. Andrew School	Technology Upgrade	\$4,380.00
St. Anthony School	Regulation Room	\$2,491.00
St. Cyril School	Relmagining the Learning Commons	\$2,500.00
St. Jude School	Swim for Life	\$4,346.00
St. Stephen School	Stinger Tech-nation	\$2,555.00
St. Thomas Aquinas School	Jube School - Grade 5	\$1,250.00

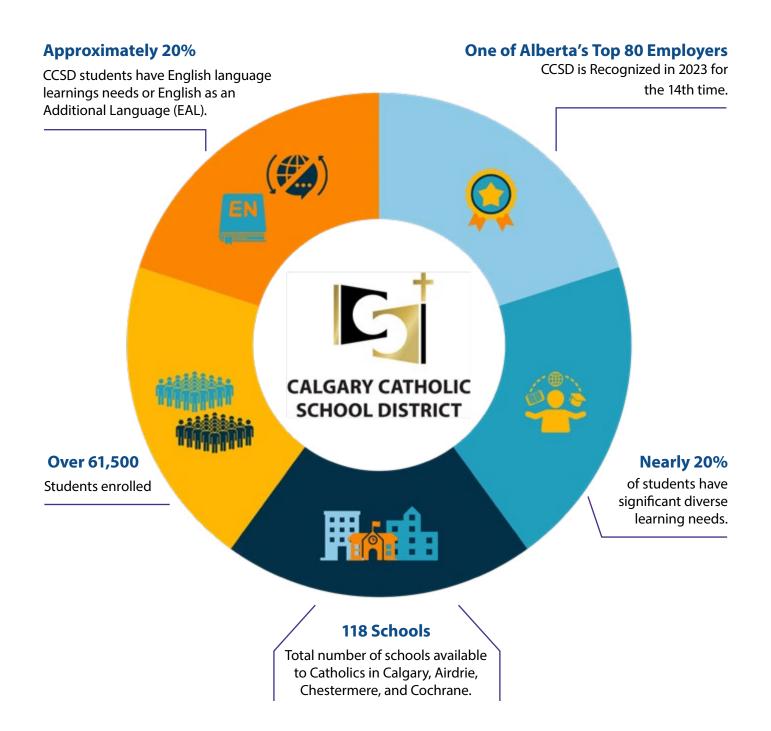
AIRDRIE, CHESTERMERE, & COCHRANE SCHOOLS

School	Project	Awarded Amount
Good Shepherd School	Good Shepherd School Mobile Technology Project	\$4,380.00
Our Lady of Wisdom School	Stampede School Grade 3	\$5,000.00
St. Gabriel the Archangel School	Operation: Wake the Students!	\$3,000.00
St. Martin de Porres High School	The Future is Technology	\$1,700.00
St. Veronica School	Connections In Faith Mural	\$2,883.00

CCSD Snapshot

2023 Calgary Catholic School District Update

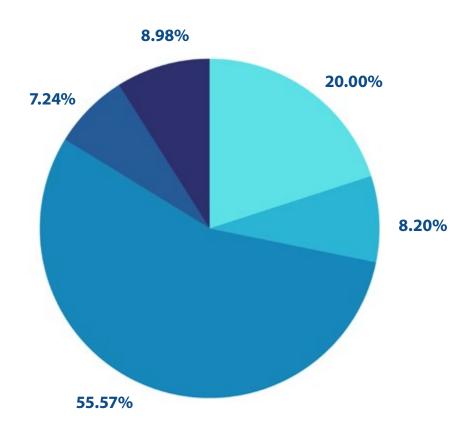
The CCEF recognizes the dedicated and exemplary service of the staff of the Calgary Catholic School District. Together we are impacting our students and community.



Grant Snapshot

2023 Grant Disbursements

In 2023, the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation distributed impactful grants totaling \$125,978. The grants included \$25,000 for the CC/OM® program benefiting 561 students, \$9,051 for Leadership, Stewardship, & Citizenship impacting 1,924 students, \$10,253 for Social Justice impacting 2,664 students, \$69,445 for technology benefiting 9,623 students, and \$11,229 for safe, caring and faith-filled schools impacting 1,696 students. The CCEF is proud to offer significant support of CCSD students, and we have faith that the Catholic community of Calgary will continue to support enhanced student learning opportunities through CCEF Grants.



- CC/OM®
- Social Justice
- Leading Edge Learning Technologies
- Citizenship, Stewardship, and Leadership
- Safe, Caring, and Faith Filled Schools

Independent Auditor's Report

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Statement of Financial Position

As at August 31, 2023

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	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	230,144	143,082
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	120,047	80,835
Short term investment (Note 5)		101,931
Prepaid expenses	31,492	8,103
	381,683	333,951
Intangible assets (Note 6)	8,654	11,646
	390,337	345,597
Liabilities		
Current	20.705	40.040
Accounts payable and accruals (Note 7)	38,725	19,648
Deferred contributions (Note 8)	130,359	124,631
Wages payable	6,741	3,795
	175,825	148,074
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	160,125	197,523
Restricted for endowment purposes (Note 9)	54,387	.01,020
	214,512	197,523
	390,337	345,597

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director

Director

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Statement of Operations For the year ended August 31, 2023

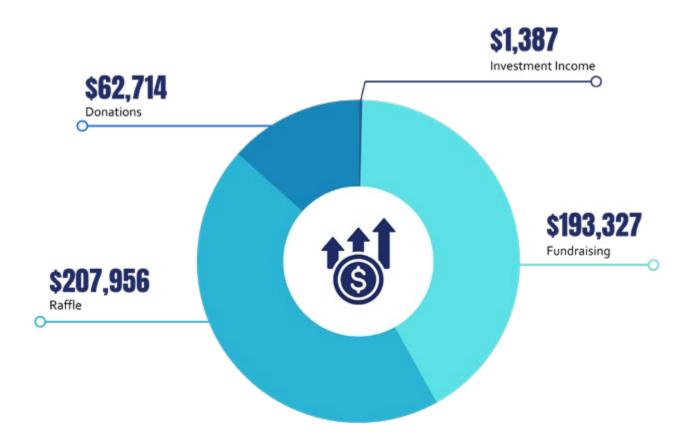
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Revenue		
Fundraising	193,327	220,752
Raffle	207,956	93,565
Donations	62,714	67,248
Government grant (Note 11)		2,705
Investment income	1,387	1,012
	465,384	385,282
Expenses		
Amortization	2,992	2,274
Board	851	1,040
Distribution of funds	124,589	125,693
Fundraising	217,712	206,347
Insurance	2,409	2,192
Interest and bank charges	4,968	4,178
Office	12,750	4,397
Professional fees	16,141	12,999
Salaries and wages	105,303	64,500
Software licensing costs	13,854	20,530
Telephone	1,213	530
	502,782	444,680
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(37,398)	(59,398

Audited by BDO Canada LLP | Full financial statements available at theccef.ca

Revenue Snapshot

2023 Revenue Disbursement

In 2023, the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) thrived financially, disbursing a total of \$465,384 to support their mission. This success was fueled by a strategic blend of revenue streams, including \$1,387 in investment income, \$62,714 in generous donations, \$207,956 from engaging raffle events, and an impressive \$193,327 raised through dynamic fundraising campaigns. The diverse sources of income underscore the CCEF's commitment to providing educational enhancements to students within the Calgary Catholic School District.



Board of Directors





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