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## When Canadian Anglicans make a donation to the Anglican Foundation, here's what can happen!



### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Kangirsuk, QC • Diocese of the Arctic

The Ungava Peninsula in Nunavik, northern Quebec, is above the tree line. "Wide open skies frame sweeping views of snow through the cold, crisp air," says Joelle Kidd, writer for the *Anglican Journal*. "It's a beautiful place, amazingly beautiful," says Esther Wesley of the Healing Fund. "But life is harsh." The parish of Holy Trinity built and paid for a new church in the last decade. Now they need a mission house and a resident priest to serve the people and foster growth within the community. AFC was able to assist the parish with a generous grant and loan.

### RESPECT JUSTICE CAMP

London, ON • Diocese of Huron

Justice Camp in the Deanery of Essex is taking place in August 2019. It is the ninth camp of this kind focusing on inclusivity and mutual respect. Justice Camp brings people together from across Canada to explore relationships with one another and creation with collaboration across generations and other faith traditions. "It begins by loving your neighbour," says Bishop Linda Nicholls, "and that starts with respect." AFC was delighted to give \$15,000 toward this interactive, immersive experience.



### MUSIC THERAPY & HEARTBEAT SONGS

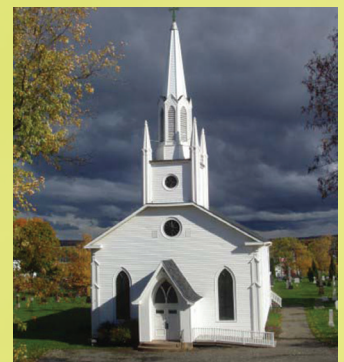
Emily's House Children's Hospice  
Toronto, ON • Diocese of Toronto

The death of a child can be devastating for a family. AFC has assisted in making it possible to purchase recording equipment to make "heartbeat songs" for palliative children and their families. Through music therapy, children and families write a song incorporating the child's own recorded heartbeat into the music. It is a beautiful, memorable, and meaningful legacy in the years following a child's death.

### CHRIST CHURCH

Stellarton, NS • Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI

Known as the "Miners' Church," Christ Church is the oldest church building in the village of Stellarton, with baptismal records dating from 1851. Christ Church is one of four Anglican Churches in Pictou County. This beautiful jewel of the town is active, vibrant, and growing. In order to preserve their building for years to come, AFC was able to provide a grant to install a new steel roof, which will last well into the future.





◀ Thanks to your donations, these children love their homework club.

## A Few Reflections

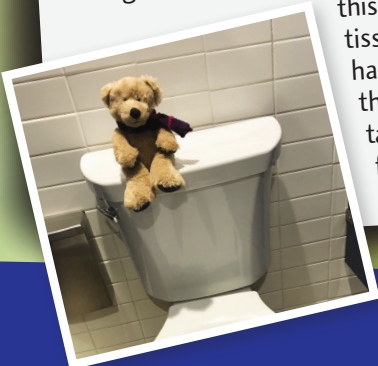
As Lutherans growing up in Calgary, AB, my sister and I were taught to divide up our weekly allowance: save some, give away some, spend some. I have a clear memory of trying to figure this out. What did I want to buy? Some candy maybe or a toy. Where did I want to give some? It was almost always the church. What did I want to save for? That was the hard one. It took some thinking to figure that out. What I do remember was the wise advice I received on the management of money.

Like most kids, I thought there was nothing better than receiving a gift, a wrapped present with something wonderful inside. Then we all reach an age when giving gifts becomes just as exciting as receiving them. There really is something inexplicably satisfying in watching someone unwrap a gift and respond with unadulterated delight. At the same time, there is great satisfaction in giving back to the world around us. If we are privileged to have resources, we often have an innate desire to help others who do not.

**"We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give."**  
– Winston Churchill

During my nine years as Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation, I have often been overwhelmed by the response of grant and bursary recipients. So many have expressed profound gratitude for the difference it made.

When AFC helped install the flushing mechanism on toilets in a church in a small community, children could hardly wait to show me these "magic toilets." Having a real flush toilet for the first time in their lives gave them the same kind of joy and delight of unwrapping a gift on Christmas morning! "Watch this," they said when they dropped a tissue in the toilet bowl. "Press this handle. The water spins around, and the tissue disappears." Those children taught me to give thanks every time I flush the toilet.



In one of our country's hospices, donations make it possible for children to live their last weeks pain-free. "I am so scared to die," said one child to me. "I'm afraid it will be really painful." Children who are dying have taught me how important every moment is, and I have been profoundly moved by their gratitude to the Anglicans who give donations so that they can die peacefully without pain.

To see the appreciation of worshippers in wheel chairs or walkers return to church for the first time in years, thanks to an outdoor ramp and indoor lift, is an experience where words fail.

I remember the first time I saw a young girl from an impoverished family attend choir camp and sing Choral Evensong at a Canadian cathedral. Her face shone and her eyes sparkled with a happiness she had never known. Her parents who had not been in a cathedral before, sat right near the front with a pride they could never have imagined for their daughter.

Donations to AFC make these memorable experiences possible. I hope that those of you who give some of your charitable donations to the Anglican Foundation of Canada know that you as an individual are changing the world. All it takes is one small act of kindness and generosity. The deep and heartfelt gratitude of grant recipients all across the country that I have had the privilege of witnessing has transformed my personal giving decisions, and I hope it might transform yours too.

Your donations *are* changing our country.

**"Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others."**  
– Martin Luther King Jr.

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