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St. James Town Homework Club students celebrate the gift of a new laptop from AFC. "If I didn't have the homework club," says one student, "I'd be home all alone after school every day."

Happiness and homework go hand-in-hand

CAN HAPPINESS and homework really go hand-in-hand? According to The Rev. J. Wesley Denyer, Minister, Rosedale Presbyterian Church and Chair of the Steering Committee at the St. James Town Ecumenical Homework Club, they can.

"The kids love coming here," says Denyer. And the same is true for the club's volunteers, "One of our most faithful volunteers started in her early 70s. Ten years later, she's still here."

The St. James Town Homework Club—now a five-time grant recipient of the Anglican Foundation

of Canada's Kids Helping Kids Fund—is a longstanding ecumenical partnership between Rosedale Presbyterian, St. Andrew's United Church, and the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle, which serves as the club's headquarters.

The club welcomes approximately 25 children, ages 6 to 12, from Monday to Friday and serves two neighbourhood schools in Canada's most densely populated high-rise community located in the northeast corner of downtown Toronto.

"Our volunteers meet the kids at their school and walk them over to

the homework club," says Denyer. Outdoor play time is followed by a nutritious snack prepared in the church's secondary kitchen, which was renovated thanks to an AFC grant in 2014.

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RFPs: Funding for Impact

Celebrating a \$250,000 Innovation Infusion

Beginning in 2014, as part of its strategic plan, the Anglican Foundation of Canada Board of Directors did what it had begun asking churches to do: they *imagined more*. They asked themselves: what might be the result of a sustained, strategic commitment to catalytic philanthropy?

The result was an innovation infusion: \$250,000, to be disbursed over five granting cycles through a Request-for-Proposals (RFP) initiative. Funding themes included: youth leadership (2014), interfaith initiatives (2015), the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2016), innovative ministry projects (2017), and climate change (2020).

These one-time grants were drawn from specially allocated funds that did not cause a general reduction in the number of grants awarded during AFC's semi-annual grant cycles.

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From the Executive Director



Judy Rois, Executive Director

IN 2011, during my first year with AFC, the amazing insights that I had received from children over the years motivated me to invite a number of them to shape AFC's inclusion of children and youth into its mission. In a series of town hall conversations, I asked: If you could give away some of your money to help children in Canada, what would be most worthwhile?

This year, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the answer to that question: The Kids Helping Kids Fund, supporting before-school breakfast programs, after-school homework clubs (see cover story), summer camps, and hospice care for children.

Each one of those children got the fund started with a donation, and

they chose a brand ambassador, Hope Bear, a small, fluffy stuffed animal whose favourite Bible verse is: "May the God of hope bring you joy and peace." Donors like you have helped to do the rest.

Over the past decade, through the Kids Helping Kids Fund and other funds, AFC has championed the cause of children and youth in Canada with investments totaling over \$1,087,000. And hundreds of Hope Bears have brought comfort to children from coast to coast to coast.

At AFC we are grateful to everyone who has made it possible for the Kids Helping Kids Fund to have a significant impact on young lives, and we pray that their hopes and dreams will give rise to lives of brilliant generosity in our country and beyond.

As we look to the future, and our church's call to address emerging realities for children and youth in a post-pandemic world, AFC will work through the Kids Helping Kids Fund to say Yes! and *imagine more*. ■



Your AGM Invitation Join us on May 19 at 5:00 p.m.

AFC's Annual General Meeting of members is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time via Zoom. Visit www.anglicanfoundation.org/agm to RSVP and receive your Zoom link, and to view the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for Directors. ■

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Linda Martin, teaching *Ministry in the Midst of Trauma*, April 2018.

Celebrating AFC's partnership with Henry Budd College

By the Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk

SINCE 2016, the Henry Budd College for Ministry has been grateful for the \$30,000 of funding we have received from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, and its supporters, for student bursaries and other learning initiatives.

This college, founded in 1980 in The Pas, Manitoba, is built on the traditional understanding that community and land-based learning is essential for ministry. Many of our students are either catechists or ordained clergy, and all are serving in their local churches and ministering in deeply rooted local expressions of faith-in-practice.

At Henry Budd College, we seek to honour and respect Indigenous ways of being and learning. Courses are very conversational, based in the circle, and build upon the knowledge and experiences of our students. Here, every student has something to teach and every teacher has something to learn.

In addition to enabling our students to get the education they need for the ministry they are already doing within the church, bursaries from AFC are nurturing Indigenous leaders who will continue to be strong voices for their communities and the north.

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“Taken together this strategic investment has resulted in some of the most innovative ministries the Canadian church has seen,” says the Rev. Canon Judy Rois, Executive Director. “Many churches provide both spiritual and social services to their communities,” says Rois. “AFC believes that the Anglican Church of Canada can continue to be a forward-looking church where impactful ministry can happen, particularly when individuals and parishes think and act creatively and with imagination.”

Rois emphasizes AFC's mandate to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for innovative ministries, diverse infrastructure projects, and theological formation across the Canadian Church.

“Our goal is to continue to energize and inspire our donors to partner with us to make a real difference in people's lives, build up the church, and strengthen our country.” ■



Wish Hope Bear a Special 10th Birthday

Who's friendly, furry, and puts the fun in AFC's fundraising? You guessed it: Hope Bear! And do you know what? This year Hope Bear turns 10! We asked Hope Bear for some super special birthday gift ideas. Hope Bear said a celebration gift to the Kids Helping Kids Fund would be the best gift ever! (See page 4 for details.) ■

Image from *Children's Prayers with Hope Bear* © Michele Nidenoff

20^{YEARS} ANNIVERSARY

Kenneth Maguire Trust

IN 1996, FOUR years before his death in October 2000, Kenneth Maguire, 8th Bishop of Montreal (1963–75), entrusted his legacy to AFC.

Described by those who knew him as a witty, warm, kind, and generous person who lived frugally and managed his investments, Bishop Maguire had a singular vision for his beneficiaries: that his generosity would benefit them for generations to come.

Since the first grant in 2001, the Maguire Trust has disbursed \$1,645,000 to three beneficiaries, including his beloved Diocese of Montreal. “It has become part of my Christmas practice to include the

cheque from the Maguire Trust to our retired clergy, and widows, and to our non-stipendiary clergy of retirement age in my Christmas card to them,” says the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal.

According to Will Postma, Executive Director, Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, gifts from the Maguire Trust made it possible for PWRDF to “leverage sixfold funding from the Government of Canada for COVID-19 response programming in four countries in Africa.”

Heather McDonald, CEO, LOFT Community Services, says Bishop Maguire’s heart for the homeless and marginalized in Toronto lives on. “Funds from the Maguire Trust were



Robert Kenneth Maguire 1923–2000

Photo contributed by General Synod Archives

instrumental in the development of LOFT’s Transitional Age Youth program, which provides street-involved youth support with mental health and addictions.”

On the 20th anniversary of Kenneth Maguire’s legacy, AFC is inviting Anglicans across the country to give thanks for this faithful servant of the church who continues to bring joy and comfort to so many, and who will continue to do so for decades to come. ■



Say Yes! to Kids

April 5 to June 30

Help raise \$100,000 to fund post-pandemic programs for children, youth, and young adults.

With your help we can mobilize the church for a courageous, creative, and compassionate response.

Enclosed is my gift of: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$120 ☐ \$150 ☐ Other \$ _____

Gift method:

☐ Cheque enclosed made out to *Anglican Foundation of Canada*

Credit Card: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa

CARD NUMBER

EXP DATE

NAME ON CARD

CVV #

SIGNATURE

Give online TODAY or sponsor a Say Yes! to Kids fundraising team. www.anglicanfoundation.org/kids

Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more. Charitable Registration No. BN 896568417RR0001.



Above: Younger students take a photo break while preparing for the annual Christmas celebration. Top right: Former Primate Fred Hiltz during a 2016 visit. Bottom right: older students studying.

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Then it is on to learning support activities that are highly personalized. “For the younger kids, one of our volunteers will just read books to them,” says Denyer, which parents appreciate as St. James Town is a multi-cultural, multi-linguistic neighbourhood, home to many newcomers to Canada.

“We have computers—that was another gift from the Foundation—so older kids can do research. We have purchased subscriptions to a variety of learning software that helps the children with math, English, and geography. Sometimes they will have a school assignment and volunteers will help them.”

Denyer says student enrichment is a natural outcome of this small-scale, flexible program, that never fails to harness the rich expertise of volunteers.

“We have a retired math teacher from Branksome Hall. We have had people who were professional musicians and vocalists who have worked with the kids. We look at the skills of volunteers and use them to the fullest.”

This volunteer-led, staff-supported program is always student-focused, even when it comes to the monthly Steering Committee meetings. “We don’t spend a lot of time on governance. We receive reports and make quick decisions about new badminton nets or jigsaw puzzles.

“Most of the time we focus on the kids and their learning needs: who needs more math support or reading time and that kind of thing. Our volunteers are integrally involved in these children’s lives.”

The impact of COVID-19 has been a huge challenge. Currently there is a group of about 5 or 6 volunteers leading 10 children in an online program. “Everyone is looking forward to an end to the pandemic,” says Denyer, “and a return to the program on an in-person basis.”

Denyer says he and the other volunteers are always greeted with big smiles, “The kids are so happy to get help with their homework, read books, play, and be cared for in a safe, supportive environment.”

“I love coming here,” recalls Denyer, of a conversation with a student, “If I didn’t have the homework club, I’d be at home all alone after school every day.” ■



The late Maria Jane Highway, MDiv graduate, with tutors Kara Mandryk and Paul Sodtke. Maria Jane passed away on February 5, 2021 from complications due to COVID-19.

Henry Budd

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Many of our graduates have been instrumental in growing our church's capacity for inclusivity both locally and nationally. In the Diocese of Brandon and beyond, I have seen people who have trained at Henry Budd take on leadership roles with confidence and joy: they encourage others, proclaim truth, break down disparities, and challenge racism.

Thank you, AFC, for sharing in our work as we seek to learn and live faithfully together. ■



**AFC said
Yes!**

\$5,000 to

St. Matthias Fitch Bay, QC

In 2020 AFC granted \$5,000 to restore St. Matthias Anglican Church and Canon Gustin Hall in the village of Fitch Bay, Quebec. This restoration will provide a community centre for the village and neighbouring region, and it will allow for worship to take place in the space once again. ■



**AFC said
Yes!**

\$10,000 to

St. Paul's, Dawson City, YT

In 2020 AFC granted \$10,000 to St. Paul's Anglican Church in Dawson City, Yukon, to help restore Stringer House named after Bishop Isaac Stringer, the famous "bishop who ate his boots." The project involved installing new supports, leveling the building, and re-skirting the foundation. This historic landmark is now able to house the new rector and his family. ■



Bottom photo: The Rev. Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted and Natasha Henderson.

Thank you for paying-it-forward!

If you received this newsletter, it means that your generosity made it possible for AFC to say Yes! to a Canadian Anglican who wanted to reach a little further and *imagine more* than they could have alone. That pay-it-forward energy is AFC's greatest membership benefit of all. We are grateful for your support. ■

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