

# SAY YES! TO KIDS

# 2022

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
DAIN CITY  
DIOCESE OF NIAGARA

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## **About the Anglican Foundation of Canada**

Since 1957 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has been a champion for diverse ministries across Canada: providing abundant resources for innovative ministry. Thanks to the many loyal donors who support our grant program, we have helped to strengthen the church in Canada by serving vulnerable communities, encouraging the growth and development of dynamic leaders, giving life to buildings old and new, and increasing the church's capacity to pursue community-based ministries that are creative and compassionate.



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# A message from AFC's Executive Director

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**Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director**

Across the Canadian church, there are seeds of ministry waiting to be sown, green shoots taking root, and others growing stronger every day. They all need life-giving water to flourish where they have been planted: serving young people in their communities and energizing our church.

Since 2011 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has awarded more than \$1.5 million in youth-focused grants across Canada.

In 2021 alone, after the launch of Say Yes! to Kids, AFC granted an astonishing \$470,000 in funding to 79 grant recipients. All the projects were different, but they shared a common goal: to imagine more and to put that imagination into action to grow a brighter future for young people, today.

In 2022 we are taking the next step in igniting a nationwide movement for children, youth, and young adults. By working in partnership with churches across Canada through Say Yes! to Kids, we will lead a national peer-to-peer fundraiser to create a sustainable, abundant, source of funding for youth-focused ministry.

**To the people of All Saints Anglican Church, Dain City, please accept my thanks for joining us on the Say Yes! to Kids journey. We wish you great success with this year's campaign.**



# All Saints (Dain City) says Yes! to Kids

As pandemic restrictions lift, and our parish begins to re-engage with our surrounding community, it is more important than ever for us to offer a range of in-person opportunities, outside of Sunday morning worship. Children have experienced a higher degree of isolation over the past two years. It is our hope, to reach out to the youth of Dain City: to engage, interact and find joy with one another.



## Our history of loving service

All Saints has a long history of serving God by serving others. Over the years, this has expressed itself through Christmas toy drives, support for local food banks, migrant workers, and, most recently, Wish House Women's Support Home in Welland, which offers a safe and healthy environment for women who have experienced addiction and domestic violence.

## Our capacity to connect

While the past decade has seen limited Sunday morning engagement with children and families, we believe that as our community continues to grow, now is the time to build connections with the young people and families around us.



## Our vision for 2022 and beyond

In 2022 and 2023 we will build on the success of our 2021 Vendors Market initiative and launch a new focus on outreach to children and families. We want the people of Dain City to know they are connected to a church that truly cares.



# Our Family Fun Day Goal: \$3,000

Together we will overcome our financial challenges and raise the funds needed to launch a new focus on growing connections with children, youth, and families. We have the will as a parish to make community outreach a priority and this funding will equip us with the means to make it happen.

## First-ever Family Fun Day!

With the support of everyone in our parish we will launch our first-ever Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 9. This event will send a message to the people of Dain City that All Saints is a welcoming, loving and inclusive church that truly cares about its community.



## The start of something special

Our Family Fun Day will be free to the community and will feature a bouncy castle, food, music, magic, games, fellowship, and fun for all. We hope this will become a yearly event and that we will be able to offer many more youth-oriented programs such as day trips, craft days, picnics, movie, and game nights.

## Growing through giving

Our vision is for All Saints to be a safe, welcoming and inviting church. With God's grace, and the generosity of our parishioners, friends, and sponsors we can show every young person in our midst that they are connected to a church that truly cares. The Church is the only organization that does not exist for itself, but for those who live outside of it.



# Your gift to our diocese and beyond

For every \$10 donated to our parish campaign, \$4 will be shared between youth-focused ministry at the diocesan and national levels. This year's Say Yes! to Kids partners are:



**The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell**  
Bishop of Niagara

## Niagara is Called to Life and Compelled to Love

"Our ministry with children, youth, young adults, and their families is at the heart of our diocesan Mission Action Plan, ignited by the irresistible love of Jesus. We envision a vibrant faith community where the nurture and spiritual growth of the Church's next generation is actively supported through faith formation, leadership development, partnerships.

This year's Say Yes! to Kids proceeds will support Niagara's commitment to foster faith formation through programs such as: Sparking Children's Faith, Why Believe, Youth Leadership Training Program, The Table, and more. Funding will also provide innovative training opportunities for lay people and clergy and will continue to provide resources for parishes across our diocese. As we are called to be a mission shaped church, Children, Youth, and Family Ministry (CYFM) will build new relationships and partners as we listen to the leading of the Spirit at work within our communities. With the help of Say Yes! To Kids, Niagara will uphold and grow the loving, inclusive, and diverse CYFM community across the diocese for years to come."



**The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls**  
Primate, Anglican Church of Canada  
Chair, AFC Board of Directors

## National Partners: Support for Indigenous Youth

"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

This year's Say Yes! to Kids proceeds will enable AFC to build on its long history of support for Indigenous-focused initiatives. Working through national partners—including PWRDF, and the Anglican Church of Canada—we will fund Indigenous youth initiatives that are national in scope, and that complement the transformational work being done at both the local and diocesan levels."

# The Say Yes! to Kids Movement

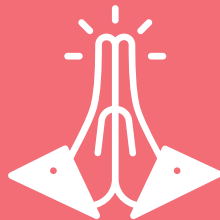
At All Saints we are not alone. By joining the Say Yes! to Kids movement, we are among an increasing number of Anglican churches nationwide embracing creative, compassionate, youth-focused ministries.

Through youth drop-in centres, education enrichment programs, a renewed emphasis on hospitality, seasonal camps, weekend retreats, music clubs, hot lunch programs and more, Say Yes! to Kids grant recipients are growing a brighter future for young people. These are just some of the Say Yes! to Kids impact zones:

## RESILIENCE & MENTAL HEALTH



## FAITH FORMATION



## ALLEVIATING HUNGER & POVERTY



## EDUCATION ENRICHMENT



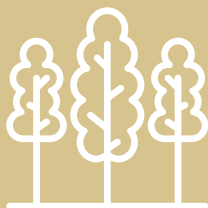
## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY



## ARTS & MUSIC



## OUTDOOR RECREATION



## INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES



## CLIMATE CARE





# The Say Yes! to Kids Vision



After ten years of funding for impact in youth-focused ministry and outreach, the Anglican Foundation of Canada has learned that churches and dioceses know how to show up for young people. We possess the creativity and innovation to imagine more. What we need is to be resourced faithfully and abundantly. Through Say Yes! to Kids, we can participate in a nationwide team effort that will help us raise more money than we could ever hope to raise alone. With God's help we will:

## See the big picture

Strengthen funding for local, regional, and national ministries while also growing awareness about the ways in which the church is taking collective responsibility—at all levels—for ministering to children, youth, and young adults.

## Change the conversation

Gradually change the conversation and the culture, growing a brighter future for young people that includes the abundant resources required to truly make them a mission priority: in principle and in practice.

## Provide sustainable funding

Provide seed funding to those who are branching out, and sustainable funding to those who are thriving. Say Yes! to Kids will play a leadership role in securing an engaging vision for ministry within reach of every young Canadian.

## Energize the church

Witness the flourishing of youth-focused initiatives here at home and across the Canadian church—feeling renewed with hope and joy and energized for ministry in all areas of our common life.

# Our Campaign Team



Every donation to Say Yes! to Kids will grow a brighter future for children, youth, and young adults today. Please reach out to a member of our campaign team or [visit our online fundraising page](#) to learn more about how you can support this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign for All Saints Dain City.

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