

SAY YES! TO KIDS

PHOENIX COMMUNITY PROJECTS



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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 all our Montreal champions for Phoenix Community Projects, please accept my thanks for joining us on the Say Yes! to Kids journey. We wish you great success with this year's campaign.

Phoenix Community Projects

Phoenix Community Projects is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization. Our goal is to bring hope and support to the English community within the island of Montreal and Montérégie areas of Quebec. One of our signature programs is Play Like a Girl, which provides girls in grades 5 & 6 with opportunities to maximize their potential and achieve their health and life goals.



Did you know?

In Grade 6, 36% of girls say they are self-confident, but by Grade 10 this has plummeted to only 14%; 12% of girls in Canada aged 12-19 say they have experienced a major depressive episode at some point in their life; in Canada, suicide remains the third-leading cause of death for girls aged 10-14; the majority of girls quit sports by the age of 14 due to poor body image, lack of self esteem and self confidence.

Game Changers for Girls

In 2021, Phoenix received a grant to launch Play Like a Girl, a weekly girls' club in the Montérégie Centre area of Quebec. We immediately began addressing the uphill battle young girls are facing by getting them involved in sports activities. We also began exploring how this project could be hosted at schools to connect with the safe environment schools offer.



Expanding our impact

Funding through Say Yes! to Kids will enable us to expand our Play Like a Girl program to Lasalle, Quebec where we will partner with 4 additional schools. We will continue to build community partnerships, relationships with potential participants and reach girls who may not have access to a program like this. With help from our supporters we can reach between 100 and 150 young girls in our 2022-2023 season.

Our Fundraising Goal: \$15,000

Within Quebec, programs for the English community are limited and hard to find. This is especially true when it comes to summer day camp programs. This summer, funding through Say Yes! to Kids will enable Phoenix to launch our inaugural summer day program called Camp Artemis.

Camp Artemis: To Infinity & Beyond!

Camp Artemis—named for the Greek goddess who protected children—will run from July 4 to August 6 for children ages 5-12 years. Kids will journey with us through a series of themed weeks that will explore ancient Greece, the pioneer frontier, including Indigenous history and culture, a rapid time warp through the 1950s to 1990s, and conclude with exploring the future in our “To Infinity & Beyond!” week.



Making friends and sharing adventures

Each of our themed weeks will provide children with opportunities to learn about arts, culture, science, outdoor skills and sports. With the support of our donor community, Camp Artemis can accommodate 45 children each week. By summer's end, we have the potential to reach between 150 and 200 children.



Support a young person's journey

Growing up isn't easy. Caring, committed community partners who are using their skills and expertise to create safe, enriching programs can have a big impact on the lives of children and their families. Every gift to Phoenix through Say Yes! to Kids will help to grow a brighter future for kids, today. Thank you for saying Yes! to kids.



Your gift to our diocese and beyond

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



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The Rt. Rev. Mary Gibson
Bishop of Montreal

Going the Extra Mile for our Mile End Kids

"I am pleased to say that summer 2022 looks a lot brighter for children who are connected to Mile End Mission's Montreal community thanks to a 2021 grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. For 12 Mile End kids, this grant will provide for accommodation and transportation, enabling them to enjoy a week-long camp experience at Quebec Lodge Outdoor Centre in the Eastern Townships.

Through the years, the Diocese of Montreal has supported the work of the Mile End Mission in many ways. This year, we will designate the diocesan portion of Say Yes! to Kids funds to go the extra mile for these children: outfitting them with the necessary camping supplies—bathing suits, sunscreen, sleeping bags, etc.—to have a truly successful camp experience."



The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
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National Partners: Support for Indigenous Youth

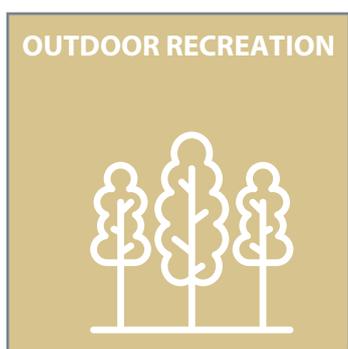
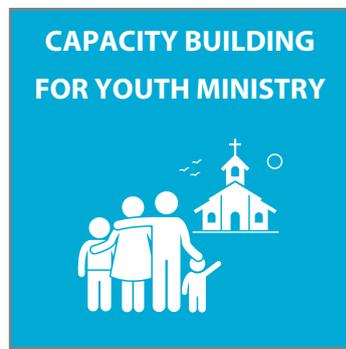
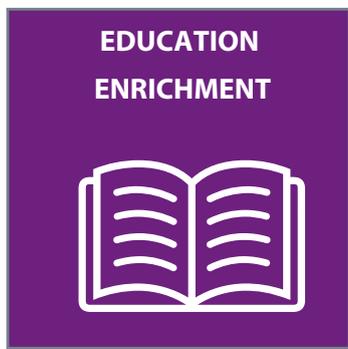
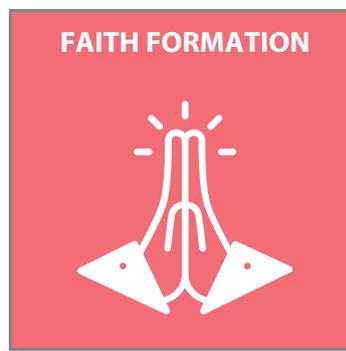
"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada will build on its long history of support for Indigenous-focused initiatives. Working through national partners—including the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund, 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 Phoenix Community Projects we are not alone. By joining the Say Yes! to Kids movement, we are among an increasing number of Canadian Anglicans who are embracing creative, compassionate ministries that support children, youth, and young adults.

Through youth drop-in centres, 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:



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 across the Canadian church—feeling renewed with hope and joy and energized for ministry in all areas of our common life.

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Phoenix Community Projects is grateful to our sponsors for enabling us to grow a brighter future for young people. To learn more about how you can join our family of supporters through this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign, please visit our [online fundraising page](#) or contact a member of our campaign team:

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