



Toronto Foundation for Student Success



Hadden Family Foundation 2023 Request

Request for Support 2023

For years, The Hadden Family Foundation has supported **beyond 3:30** (B330) and student nutrition, helping ensure that children across Toronto are supported, no matter the circumstances. Throughout the COVID-19 (C-19) crisis, your steadfast partnership has ensured that these programs were able to persevere through ongoing uncertainty, school closures, and health restrictions, and we couldn't be more grateful.

We've come a long way since the start of C-19. In closing out the 2021-2022 school year, many C-19 restrictions were lifted in schools. B330 resumed team sports, and had students back in the kitchen, cooking together. Students no longer had to stay within their cohorts, and were even able to come together for the first B330 field trip in two years, for a Wellness Walk at Downsview Park. It was wonderful! Looking ahead, however, with the emergence of new C-19 variants, continued uncertainty remains. One challenge our students and their families are already facing is the highest rate of inflation since the early 1980s. For many of our families that were already struggling, the staggering increase in the cost of basic necessities, such as housing and food, has been devastating. Some parents are finding themselves having to choose between paying rent or putting food on the table. We know that support for student nutrition will be needed more than ever during the coming school year as programs face increased demand, and higher costs. We'll continue to expand our Central Nutrition Pantry to ensure more children have access to nourishing food.

Without support from partners like The Hadden Family Foundation, pulling through these past two years simply would not have been possible. This year, with your support, children will continue to have the Central Nutrition Pantry and **beyond 3:30** to turn to, to help them grow and thrive. We know we can adapt, no matter the circumstances, so that we are there for our children, and that's just what we'll do.



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Request for Support 2023 - Central Nutrition Pantry

We're optimistic that the 2022-2023 school year will be the most steady and stable since the start of the C-19 pandemic, with fewer restrictions and school closures than years prior. This will make planning for many of our programs much smoother, and we're very grateful for that. However, a troubling concern we are facing is the rising cost of food. Compared to last year, the overall cost of groceries in Canada has risen significantly, with fresh fruits and veggies up 10%, and pantry staples up as much as 30%. With other living expenses, such as rent and fuel, on the rise, many families are faced with cutting back on their groceries, with some relying on food banks to make ends meet. The Central Nutrition Pantry is needed more than ever, to provide a stable source of nutrition for hungry children and youth.

Faced with the same price increases as families, the Central Nutrition Pantry needs to make the most of every dollar of funding. With support from Feeding Hungry Minds, the Central Nutrition Pantry has established systems in place to access nourishing food at as low cost as possible. Last year, we fostered vendor relationships, leveraged our bulk purchasing power, and acquired approximately \$1 million in donated food. As a result, we supported 91 school pantries across Toronto, and averaged a savings of 73% in overall food costs when compared to retail.

We know the strong connection the Hadden Family has with the Scarborough community, and so, we are requesting \$150,000 for the Central Nutrition Pantry, to be used to support over 12,000 children in 25 programs in Toronto's east end. By continuing to leverage your donation through bulk purchasing and corporate partnerships, we'll get more food out to schools.

Student Nutrition	
Donation Amount Requested	# of students benefitting from proposed Hadden Support
\$150,000	12,000+

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| 1 Berner Trail Jr PS | 9 HA Halbert Jr PS | 17 R H King Academy |
| 2 Birch Cliff Heights PS | 10 Hunter's Glen Jr PS | 18 Robert Service Sr PS |
| 3 Birchmount Park CI | 11 Lester B. Pearson CI | 19 Roden PS |
| 4 Blake Street Jr PS | 12 Lucy Maud Montgomery PS | 20 Taylor Creek PS |
| 5 Clairlea PS | 13 Macdonald CI | 21 Tecumseh Senior PS |
| 6 Eastdale CI | 14 Maplewood HS | 22 Timberbank Jr PS |
| 7 Gateway PS | 15 Maryvale PS | 23 Winston Churchill CI |
| 8 Glamorgan Jr PS | 16 Military Trail PS | 24 Woburn CI |
| | | 25 Woburn Jr PS |



Central Nutrition Pantry - Feedback

I'd like to graciously extend my appreciation for the food sent out to our school over the past few years. Being a very busy Model school serving many families, we greatly appreciate the additional food for our students. Our families are very grateful for the program here and the students appreciate the variety of nutritious food that they receive. Knowing that some families do struggle financially and may not be able to afford to prepare snacks for their children, we'd like to thank you on their behalf for the donations.

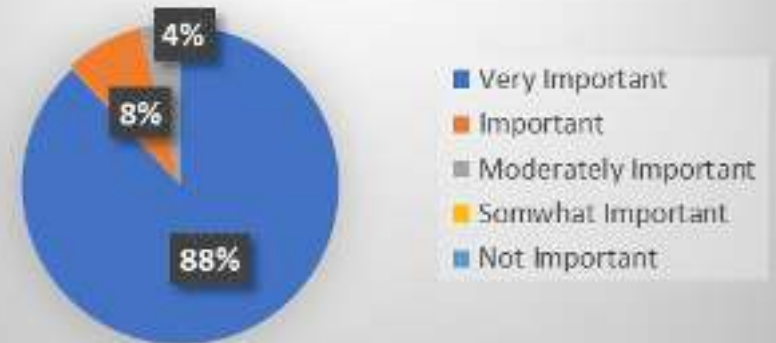
- Principal, Elementary School

We are a new school to the pantry program and we are so very grateful for this partnership that helps students who are suffering from food insecurity. The needs have been high in our school but more so since the pandemic. The response from the students has been most gratifying. They know they can come and choose the food they need, pack it in a bag, and take it home.

This is an amazing program that should continue to run in the future. We all know that students do better when they have enough to eat and this program gives students the opportunity to access food and not be embarrassed by it. The cost of food has taken such an upswing that it's hard for the average family to keep up. This program has helped many families who might have been forced to make the choice between paying a bill or putting food on the table.

- Coordinator, Elementary School

How important is the Pantry Program for your students?



If the Pantry Program were offered next year, would your school participate?



**The above statistics are drawn from a survey of schools participating in the Pantry Program, over the 2021-22 school year.*

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This past school year, as some C-19 restrictions were lifted, it was amazing to see B330 participants getting back to just being kids: cooking, playing sports, dancing, and learning. Looking ahead to September, it's surprising to think that the vast majority of this year's B330 participants won't have experienced what the program was like pre-pandemic. We're hopeful that C-19 restrictions will continue to ease, and we can't wait to give all participants the full-fledged B330 experience!

Building on the foundation we've created, B330 will continue to offer academic support to all participants. In addition to JUMP Math programming, STEM and financial literacy workshops, we will be expanding our tutoring support in Math and Literacy. In response to high demand, we provided tutoring throughout the summer for any student attending a B330 school.

While children have, thankfully, been able to get back to playing, socializing, and living a more "normal" life lately, they are still processing their experiences of the past few years, and many are struggling. Starting in August, all B330 staff will be participating in specialized training sessions with a focus on embedding wellness supports, developed in partnership with the Centre for Addition and Mental Health (CAMH), into the program. As the year unfolds, we'll evolve to keep making our program as supportive as it can possibly be.

Physical health is also a B330 key pillar and our plan includes continuing to work with community partners to provide skills-based sports games and activities. We'll be offering "Fall Ball" through the Jays Care Foundation, basketball coaching through LayUp basketball, and rugby workshops thanks to TIRF Rugby, to name a few. To keep participants energized, the B330 Jr. Chefs program will make sure everyone gets a nourishing meal each day. Participants will be back in the kitchen, learning all the cooking, shopping, and menu planning skills they'll need for years to come!

While these are some of our plans, if C-19 has taught us one thing, it's that everything can change overnight. With our online platform at the ready, and with strong donors (like you) in our corner, we're ready for whatever comes our way.

To ensure B330 has the support it needs to continue offering students the programming they rely on, we are requesting \$100,000 in funds from the Hadden Family Foundation, to support academic and mental wellness programming.



Request for Support 2023 - *beyond 3:30*



<i>beyond 3:30</i>	
Donation Amount Requested	# of students reached
\$100,000	1,000+



*In prior years, this program was held at Rockcliffe Middle School. Beginning September 2022, Rockcliffe M.S has closed, and B330 has been relocated to the nearby George Syme Community School