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Dear Colleagues:

Established by the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation, the *Dreams for Kids* campaign raises funds in support of the children and youth—especially those in need—who attend Edmonton Catholic Schools. Like you, *Dreams for Kids* wants every child to have an equal opportunity to succeed in school and in life. But, to make this happen, we need your continued support.

Over 3 years of operation, and by the end of 2018, the Foundation will have:

- Distributed \$1,146,000 in fundraised dollars to Edmonton Catholic Schools and the students therein
- Awarded more than 310 *Dreams for Kids* grants to 77 different schools
- Touched the lives of more than 19,900 students and community members in 2017/18
- Established six named *Endowment Funds* with a capital base exceeding \$115,000

The Foundation's fourth annual *Dreams for Kids* campaign takes place over the next few months with a goal of \$600,000. **We hope you personally choose to donate through a one-time gift by clicking the "Donate Now" heart which takes you directly to our donation site. You may also do so through the Edmonton Catholic Schools payroll deduction system.**



Your kind gift would support our:

- Conquer Hunger Fund** – providing healthy school lunch and snack programs
- Dream Maker Fund** – offering financial support/subsidies to students in need so they may participate in school recreational, educational, spiritual, and social events/activities
- Guardian Angel Fund** – providing support for students with mental health needs
- Helping Hands Fund** – providing resources to assist schools in addressing student/family 'emergency needs' including clothing, shelter, transportation, food, and poverty relief
- 100 Voices Fund** - funding socially and educationally disadvantaged young children who would significantly benefit from early childhood education, but who do not qualify for government support
- Champion Projects Fund** – through this Fund, students demonstrate their social justice values, while also developing their leadership, communication, and team-building skills

There are no better ambassadors for the values and faithful work of Edmonton Catholic Schools than individuals like you. Working together, we can support you in your sacred mission of serving the best interests of ECS students—especially those experiencing the barrier of poverty.

Please give. With your gift, we can help the students of Edmonton Catholic Schools to have the best Catholic educational experience possible. *Thank you!*

Sincerely,

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