

WE CARE Challenge 2018

January 14, 2019

Dear Staff and Students of Sir John Thompson Junior High School:

Thank you so much for your generous support of the WE Care Challenge in support of the ECS Foundation's Dreams for Kids and Catholic Social Services' Sign of Hope campaigns this year.

The 46 schools that participated in the WE Care Challenge this year, including Sir John Thompson, raised a combined total of \$71,346.60 for the Dreams for Kids Campaign and \$79,923.50 for the Sign of Hope Campaign – \$151,270.10 in total. Staff from various schools also made personal donations, raising \$5560 for Dreams for Kids and \$14,390 for the Sign of Hope. This brings our grand total for both charities to \$171,220.10! This was our most successful campaign ever and will go a long way in terms of ensuring that the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the children and families that both campaigns serve will continue to be met.

Your generous donation supports programs offered through the ECS Foundation that directly benefit students in our schools, such as:

- Conquer Hunger Fund, which supports school lunch and snack programs,
- Guardian Angel Fund, which provides support for students with mental health issues,
- 100 Voices Fund, which funds 100 Voices programming for socially and educationally disadvantaged young children (3 to 4 years of age) who would significantly benefit from early childhood education, but who do not qualify for government support,
- Dream Maker Fund, which offers financial support or subsidies so that disadvantaged students may participate in school-sanctioned retreats and other activities,
- Champions Projects fund, which assists schools with funding for projects they would not otherwise be able to undertake.

It also supports programs offered through Catholic Social Services such as:

- LaSalle House for women,
- Safe House, for young people living on the streets,
- McDaniel Youth Program, for young people aged 14-19 who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder,
- Rotary Centre for New Canadians, which offers one-stop settlement services for families who are new to Canada

Through your generosity and caring, you are making a difference in the lives of so many families and children in our schools and in the community at large.

May God bless you for your generosity and kindness,

Terry Volk

On Behalf of the District We Care Challenge Committee

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Thank you for participating in the **We Care Challenge** and supporting social justice in Edmonton.