



# Winter 2025 Community Newsletter

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## Thank You for Spreading Joy!

Give the Gift of Joy: A Campaign of Hope and Impact

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is thrilled to celebrate the success of the **2024 Give the Gift of Joy campaign!** With the generosity of our community—and an incredible match from the Diocese of Hamilton—we raised over **\$140,000!** This campaign helps empower youth through stable housing and education, supports Kin families, and addresses food insecurity among the families we serve.



We are deeply grateful to our dedicated community members, local businesses, parishes, and the staff and students of HWCDSB schools for making this possible. Together, we are changing lives!

[Read our 2024 GGOJ Stewardship Report](#)



## Bringing Comfort to Children and Youth in Need

In December, we once again partnered with the **Ted & Loretta Rogers Comfort Kit Program** to provide over **350 children and youth** with essentials, small gifts, and personal care items, to help them navigate challenging times.

**We couldn't have done this without the support of our amazing community!** Our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses enabled us to **Give the Gift of Joy** to those who need it most, like Angela...

*"I have been in foster care all my life. Thank you for this Comfort Kit! I especially liked the Starbucks cup, Aveeno products, and gift cards from Walmart so I can buy groceries."*

- Angela

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## Building Brighter Futures

It's an exciting time of year at CCASH—we are getting ready to launch our application process for this year's bursaries and scholarships! This program provides vital financial support to help empower youth to pursue their educational dreams and build brighter futures.

These life-changing opportunities are made possible through the generosity of our donors. If you'd like to help a young person achieve their dreams, consider making a donation today. Your support can open doors to education and independence!

[Learn how you can support youth through our Bursary and Scholarship Program](#)



*Hear from our 2024 Bursary and Scholarship recipients.*



## **Give Today, Change a Life—There's Still Time!**

Charitable Donation Deadline Extended to February 28, 2025

Great news! You now have until February 28th to make a charitable donation that qualifies for a 2024 tax receipt. This extension gives you more time to support children and youth in our community. Your generosity can provide them with the care, stability, and opportunities they deserve—while also offering you valuable tax benefits. Thank you for making a difference!

[Donate Now](#)



## **There is an urgent need for foster families in Hamilton!**

Learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need. Reach Steve by [email](#) or call 905-525-2012 ext 3158.



## **Host a Fundraiser & Make a Difference!**

You can play a vital role in supporting children, youth, and families by hosting a fundraiser for CCASH. Whether it's a car wash, charity walk, or workplace event, your efforts help provide essential services, resources, and opportunities that change lives. Reach out today to learn how you can get involved!

[Contact Us!](#)



Support a charity in your Will

### Your Will is Powerful!

Did you know you can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and youth in need with a charitable gift in your Will?

[Learn How](#)



### Donate Your Foreign Currency!

Turn your spare change into bright futures when you donate your leftover foreign currency and pennies at one of our designated locations.

[Find a Location](#)

Thank you for standing with us in our mission to keep children and youth safe and ensure they have the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Your ongoing commitment makes a meaningful difference in their lives.

With gratitude,

Donna Zan  
Executive Director  
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