

Mission Statement

“The Chatham-Kent Integrated Children’s Service Foundation promotes the opportunity for all children and youth of Chatham-Kent to mature in a stable environment that meets their emotional, social, developmental, physical and psychological needs.”

The Foundation accomplishes this by funding selected programs and projects operated by the Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports,”

Purpose

“It is the Foundation’s philosophy to promote the opportunity for all young persons to mature in a stable, family environment, with the structure and nurturing needed to realize their full potential.

The purpose of the Foundation shall be to raise funds through endowments, bequests and/or public campaigns to assist Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports in achieving their goals as contained in its objectives and Mission Statement.”

Article III of Foundation’s By-Law.

History

The origins of The Chatham-Kent Integrated Children’s Service Foundation go back to 1990. At that time, the Lester B. Pearson Centre Foundation was formed to raise funds for a new Lester B. Pearson Centre building. The new facilities were officially opened in 1992.

Then, on April 1, 1998, the Chatham-Kent Integrated Children’s Service was formed (since rebranded in 2022 and now known as Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports). The amalgamation brought together three organizations: the Heritage Children’s Centre, the Children’s Aid Society, and Lester B. Pearson Centre. The Lester B. Pearson Centre Foundation was included as part of this new umbrella organization.

Each organization brought with it a charitable organization number.

From 1998 until the spring 2000, the Lester B. Pearson Centre Foundation remained relatively inactive while Chatham-Kent Integrated Children’s Service energies were being devoted to union of the three amalgamating agencies.

Then in the spring of 2002, under the direction of Chairperson Sharon Pfaff, the Foundation Board, all whom were members of the CKCS Board, began working to make the Foundation reflect changes that were brought about by the amalgamation. It soon became evident, that like the umbrella organizations, the charitable numbers needed to be amalgamated, and a “new” Foundation established.

Thus, in May 2002, the Chatham-Kent Integrated Children’s Service Foundation was incorporated with the objective of supporting the work done by Linck (previously known as Chatham-Kent Children’s Services) through funding items which are not funded by the agency’s governing provincial ministry.

Organization

The Foundation is overseen by a working Board which consists of Linck members as well as members of the public at large. All meetings of the Board are open to any member of the public.

Documentation:

The Foundation has a detailed policy statement in place to guide its operations. This policy is available for public review. In addition, the Foundation has adopted a comprehensive Investment Strategy to guide its investment decision making. This document is also available to the public for review.

Current Fundraising

The Chatham-Kent Integrated Children's Service Foundation is currently in the process of raising funds to supply bursaries to Foster Children from Chatham-Kent who want to continue studying after the secondary school level. Education is an important part in breaking the cycle

of abuse, neglect and violence that these children may have witnessed prior to coming into care.

How you can help:

You can make a difference to the children being served by Chatham-Kent Children's Services by donating to the Foundation.

There are several ways to donate either through direct donation or through a donation in memory of a loved one or friend. Another option is "planned giving" through your estate. Your own unique circumstances and preferences will determine the best way for you.

Please call or email today to find out how you might support the Foundation.

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