



The Children's Aid Foundation of Ottawa (CAFO) raises funds to help children and youth in the care of the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa (CASO). CAFO provides education and life-enrichment opportunities that enhance a child's physical, social, mental, and developmental well-being so that they can grow into healthy and productive adults.

Keeping every child in our community safe is a responsibility we all share. Growing up under the shadow of abuse and neglect is hard enough. If we don't break the cycle, our community suffers.

CAFO Programs

Dare to Dream Bursary Program – Removes financial barriers so that deserving youth in our community can pursue their dream of going to college, university, or vocational training centre.

Camp for Kids – Sends kids to camp (often for the first time in their life) so they have a chance to develop leadership and social skills, confidence and have fun!

Cookie Jar Fund – Supports children and youth to participate and get active in sports, music, and recreational activities as well as provide basic necessities to families.

Fair Shot Program - Supports kids (in kinship and adoptive families supported by CASO) by encouraging them to participate and get active in sports.

Ted and Loretta Rogers Foster Care Transition Program - Provides children and youth coming into foster care with items and resources that aid in their comfort, well-being, safety, and sense of security in the midst of an overwhelming transition.

Scotia Capital Leap to Learning Program – Helps kids succeed in school through math and reading tutoring.

CAFO's Annual Fundraising Events

Salut! - an elegant wine and gourmet food pairing evening which offers a unique opportunity to explore new tastes and interact with wine enthusiasts alike.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament - provides the business community a chance to come together “fore” kids in a friendly round of golf and networking.

World Trivia Night - The largest live trivia competition in North America hosting up to 2,000 trivia enthusiasts. This pledge event that sees teams raise funds while competing for cash and prizes.

“I wish I could explain to you how great it feels to have your support towards my dreams. Being a recipient of the Dare to Dream Bursary Program has changed my life for the better. From now on I plan to go nowhere but UP.”

— 18 year old with a dream

Make a Difference in a Child's Life

Become a Donor Today!