



# THANK YOU

TO OUR 2018 SUPPORTERS



 FACS NIAGARA  
FOUNDATION 

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# GENEROUS DONORS

**Thanks to the generosity of more than 500 donors and sponsors, the Niagara FACS Foundation raised over \$450,000 in 2018 to support the vision of Family & Children's Services Niagara to help children, youth and families in Niagara reach their full potential.**

Because of the community's generosity, the Foundation extended a helping hand to children and youth in the care of FACS Niagara, worked to break the cycle of abuse and neglect, and helped foster the healthy development of successful and responsible adults.

## MANY TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Many donors, sponsors, foundations, and organizations offered financial support to the FACS Foundation. Some made significant legacy gifts through a bequest – like Dr. William Matheson, who donated more than \$120,000 through his estate. As a previous FACS Board Chair, we greatly appreciate his life-long dedication to the agency's mission!

Others organized events or celebrations and donated the proceeds. We appreciate the first-time Hats & Horses Niagara Derby Day – hosted by friends and family of the late Jan Cook – which donated more than \$12,000. Many other community-minded businesses and individuals donated funds or products for the 20th Annual FACS Gala – held again in November in Niagara Falls.



A few dedicated individuals and business continued to support the Foundation through their monthly donations. Others made donations in the spring to give Summer Smiles and in the fall to create a Gift of Hope. Still others offered toys to brighten the holidays for families in need or items for kids heading to summer camps.

Thanks as well to the numerous volunteers who offered their time, expertise and passion by serving on the Foundation Board, fundraising and advisory committees, and as other ambassadors for our work.

## MAKING SMILES, ACHIEVING DREAMS, EASING TRANSITIONS:

With the generous support of many donors, the Foundation helped send 457 children to a full-week of camp. Their age ranged from four to 17 years-old and for many it was the first time they had a chance to enjoy a week-long camp. About 20% of these children enjoyed a traditional over-night, outdoor camp – in a cabin or bunkhouse. The other 80% of campers enjoyed a week-long day-camp in the Niagara Peninsula. These themed-camps ranged from sports, to drama and singing, to cheerleading and gymnastics, to horseback riding and bicycling, to crafts.

The Foundation also provided more than \$65,000 in educational financial assistance to 34 promising youth so that they could pursue their lifetime dreams with post-secondary education – college, university or other meaningful career training. These bursaries help transform a life of hardship and uncertainty to one that is full of promise and potential.

Growing up in care is not easy; making the transition to independence can also be very difficult. The FACS Foundation continued to support young people in their transition to life on their own by granting more than \$13,000 to help nurture youth toward success and independence: to experience graduation and holiday celebrations, to learn cooking / safe food handling, and to provide a small "home-start" package when they leave care.



# 2018 MAJOR DONORS

## **\$50,000 +**

The Joyce Family Foundation,  
The Estate of William Matheson

## **\$10,000+**

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Hats & Horses, Niagara Ice Dogs,  
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## **\$5000+**

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John Yeilding, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls

# 20TH ANNUAL CHARITY GALA

**Thanks to the contributions of  
our many sponsors, donors,  
guests, and volunteers, we  
enjoyed another spectacular  
evening and raised more than  
\$44,000 for the FACS Foundation's  
support of FACS Niagara.**

## **PRESENTING SPONSOR**

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## 2018 GALA COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Left to Right - Ted Hoxie, Anna Bozza,  
Rose Trivieri, Ann Godfrey, Nathan Gatt,  
Darlene McDowell, Dave Demoe and  
Chris Accursi



## OUR MISSION

The Foundation exists to raise funds and awareness to support Family & Children's Services Niagara in their work to help children, youth and families in Niagara reach their full potential.

We strive to;

- Advance educational outcomes
- Support healthy active lifestyles
- Build capacity to ensure service excellence
- Nurture youth towards success and independence
- Provide safe and welcoming spaces for children and the necessities for success

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

FACS Niagara Foundation relies on community support to help make these important opportunities available to the children, youth and families served by FACS Niagara. We believe that early intervention, support to families and helping kids at critical times in their lives will contribute to better outcomes for everyone and help to make our community stronger.

## PLEASE CONSIDER

- Making a pledge or donation
- Making a donation in lieu of a gift
- Requesting donations instead of gifts
- Taking up a collection
- Attending or hosting a fundraising event
- Volunteering with our board or committees



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FACS Niagara Foundation appreciates the support of extraordinary people from our amazing Niagara community. Whether you volunteer on a committee, serve on the Foundation Board of Directors or act as ambassadors of our work to your friends and colleagues, we could not be successful in our mission without you. Thank-you!



Celebrating 20th Annual FACS Gala



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chris Accursi, Anna Bozza, Yar Diduch, Nathan Gatt, Darlene McDowell, Caroline Polgrabia, David Weeks and Sean Worthington