

## ABOUT PEEL CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION

Peel Children's Aid Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children and youth in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon who are under the care or supervision of Peel Children's Aid.

Peel Children's Aid (the Agency) is celebrating 100 years of caring for children in 2012. The Agency provides services and support to disadvantaged children and families throughout Peel Region. While core protection services provided by the Agency are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth, the Foundation was established in 2003 to raise funds to support innovative and urgently-needed programs and services that are not government-funded.

We are a registered charity, raising funds for vital programs offering support, education and hope to children and youth. Our programs help vulnerable children and youth share some of the joys that every childhood should contain.

Programs provided by Peel Children's Aid Foundation strive to give children and youth the opportunity to maximize their potential for future success and happiness. We are focused on giving children and youth the chance to grow. We know every child's needs are different and we are committed to providing programs that can adapt to meet these changing needs.

Since 2003:

- Peel Children's Aid Foundation has provided more than **\$1.9 million** in financial support to programs for children and families and **\$2.3 million** in gifts in kind (toys, gift cards, food vouchers, new clothing, sports equipment, etc.)
- Over **1,450** children have experienced summer camp through the "camp 4 kids" program.
- Over **10,400** children and youth received toys, books, gift cards, food vouchers and happy holiday memories through the Holiday Wishes program.
- Over **1,100** backpacks fully stocked with school supplies were distributed in the last three years.
- Approximately **700** children attended school trips, took music lessons, received bikes, or enjoyed other regular childhood experiences through the "wishes 4 kids" program.
- **134** bursaries for post-secondary education have been awarded to youth in care.
- **120** Achievement awards were presented to youth in Grades 7 to 11 to encourage them to stay in school.

Peel Children's Aid Foundation is proud of our partnership with Lana Duke and the Management and Staff of Ruth's Chris Steak House. We are grateful for their generous support of our Ruth's Chris Steak House "Fore the Kids" Golf Classic, our annual "Men Behaving Boldly" event, and our Holiday Wishes Program.