



The Good Samaritan Trust Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Good Samaritan Trust Fund?

Many community resources are provided to CDSBEO students on behalf of external agencies, community groups, and local parishes. The CDSBEO recognizes that existing resources do not always fulfill each and every individual circumstance. As a result, The Good Samaritan Trust Fund has been established to help students whose needs are not met through existing charity organizations.

2. What is the connection with our Catholic faith?

Indeed, by its very name, the Good Samaritan Trust Fund is steeped in Scripture (Luke 10:25-37). The God of Jesus Christ is above all a God who cares for the poor and marginalized. A distinctly Catholic perspective on the world maintains that we can measure the quality of any society by the way its poor and vulnerable are treated.

In keeping with all CDSBEO initiatives, The Good Samaritan Trust Fund will assist in the building of a visible Catholic community working together in the interest of Catholic education.

3. What is the goal of the fund?

The goal of the fund might best be expressed by looking at the fund's Mission Statement which reads as follows:

"In keeping with the mission of Jesus Christ, whose primary concern was for the poor and marginalized, the Good Samaritan Trust Fund has been established to support those in our Catholic schools whose learning would be enhanced by the benefits it would provide."

4. Who administers the Good Samaritan Trust Fund?

The Fund has a Board of Directors consisting of representation from the CDSBEO Board of Trustees, Board Officials, Employee Associations and community volunteers from each region of the Board.

5. How is money accessed through the Fund for students in need?

School Principals submit an application to the Board of Directors on a prescribed form (a copy is attached). The Secretary of the Board distributes copies of the application to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors establishes the benefit of granting funds to the applicant by assessing the particular need in terms of criteria set in place and the overall mission of the GSTF. Funds are granted upon majority approval of members of the Board.

6. How can I, my family, my school or my parish make a contribution?

The Good Samaritan Trust Fund accepts donations through cheque, cash, payroll deduction, proceeds from fundraising as well as memorial donations.

All CDSBEO staff are invited to join the payroll deduction program offered through the board. By filling out the attached form, staff members are able to donate as little as \$1.00 per pay period - a small amount to support a very worthwhile cause. A charitable donation tax receipt is available.

In the 2009-2010 school year, the GSTF distributed a total of \$16 617.99. In the 2010-2011 school year, \$17 612.86 was distributed to students in our Board whose needs cannot be met through other organizations. In the 2011-2012 school year, \$42,299.54 was distributed and last year (2012-2013), \$40 420.52 was disbursed from the fund.

We need your help to be able to continue making funds available for students and families in need. Please consider signing up for the payroll deduction program.

Contact the Payroll Department at the Kemptville Board Office if you would like more information (800-443-4562).