



April 2020

Dear Friends:

TEOF'S 27th ANNUAL 'DON'T FORGET TO FEED THE KIDS' AUCTION IS BEING POSTPONED

Hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

TEOF is reaching out with an important update regarding our Annual Auction Fundraiser. As you're aware, we are seeing a continued global spread of COVID-19 and there are much-needed measures in place to curb its spread.

TEOF Directors decided to postpone the event originally planned for November 2019, due to job action of the Unions and Federations representing the Teachers in both the Elementary and Secondary panels of the Toronto District School Board.

As we are unable to set a new date for April/May, and our event remains on hold, we are hopeful for your support.

We ask that you take a moment to reflect on the impact that COVID-19 may have on the vulnerable populations we serve for the over 2,300 Kindergarten children in 25 Inner-City Toronto Schools and the weekly healthy lunch to 23 TDSB EarlyON Child and Family Centres in the GTA that have also been affected by the recent budget cuts.

Many families are in desperate need of food and we believe that TEOF can still help during these challenging and unbelievable times, please consider a cash donation towards TEOF (tax receipts will be issued) to help us continue to provide assistance, through a grocery card to families in need.

Although we are postponing the Auction, we are still determined to honour our commitment to annually provide upwards of \$100,000 to the above programs, but in a different way (as indicated above) due to the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate your continued support. We continue to ask that all material donations be held off at this time.

Please call **Valerie Mah at 416-533-0445/416-417-9377**, if you would like to make a donation, or send a cheque directly to the Toronto Educational Opportunity Fund by mail to **TEOF, c/o Toronto Education Workers/Local 4400 200 – 1482 Bathurst Street, Toronto ON M5P 3H1**. More information can be found on our website at www.teof.ca and on the brochure attached in the email.

Please help us rise above these times, we greatly appreciate your concern, compassion and support for TEOF.

Until we can meet again, take good care of yourself and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Mah, President
TEOF Board of Directors

John Weatherup, Chair
TEOF Auction Committee

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