

COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAM

August 2020 Update



As our 2019-2020 fiscal year was ending, the COVID-19 pandemic became a major concern in Canada and negatively impacted the lives of already-vulnerable children, youth, and families involved in the child welfare system. Thanks to our network of partners and donors, and our direct contact with these populations, we are mobilizing to provide immediate and critical support.

Many of these children, youth, and families have seen their already precarious situations become dire as they are unable to access not only prevention and rehabilitation resources and other supports available to them before the pandemic, but also lack access to some of their most basic needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic put the vulnerable populations we serve more deeply and urgently at risk because of:

- Sudden unemployment
- Food and housing insecurity for many already living at or below the poverty line
- Deepened anxiety, loneliness, and fear resulting from social isolation
- Heightened underlying mental health issues stemming from childhood trauma for youth
- For families, escalated substance abuse and instances of domestic violence in homes with kids

Many were left feeling like they had reached their breaking point.



“When the pandemic broke out I was extremely anxious and stressed about my ability to work. I do not have a family to help support me. This can have significant impacts on an individual’s mental and physical well-being, let alone the ability to afford to live.”

- IDENTITY PROTECTED, former youth in care

With the help of our donors, Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada quickly organized the COVID-19 Response Program, creating two funds: the COVID-19 Support Fund for Former Youth in Care and the COVID-19 Child & Family Support Fund. Since April 2020, we have provided grants to former youth in care to help access basic necessities such as housing, food, and critical mental health support, and families and children at risk with at-home educational activities, food vouchers, and other specific emergency funding requests to help them access critical resources.

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We are grateful for the generosity of our community members who are making contributions to our COVID-19 Response Program supporting families, children, and youth in crisis by:



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