

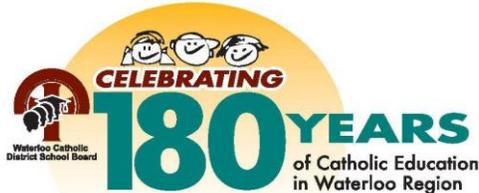


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News Release



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Catholic Board Raises \$46,500 For Fort McMurray

Federal government matching funds bring total raised on “Friends of Fort McMurray Day” to \$93,000

Waterloo Region, ON – Waterloo Region’s Catholic schools and WCDSB administrative sites have raised **\$46,534.76** to assist the people of Fort McMurray and area in rebuilding their lives, following the recent devastating northern Alberta wildfires. Matching funds from the **Government of Canada** boost the overall impact to **\$93,069.52**.

The funds were raised on **“Friends of Ft. McMurray Day”** – held across the school system on Friday, May 13, 2016. That day, WCDSB staff and students were encouraged to bring a Loonie to work / school to generate funds for the **Canadian Red Cross**.

CHEQUE PRESENTATION (Media Photo / Story Opportunity)

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. -- Wednesday, June 1, 2016

WHERE: Christ the King Catholic Elementary School -- 70 Acorn Way, Cambridge
Click Link for Map -- <http://tinyurl.com/gm84nbf>

WHO: Canadian Red Cross, WCDSB representatives, students & staff from Christ the King CES. With just 248 students, Christ the King CES raised \$2,128.55 -- the largest amount raised among WCDSB elementary schools.

QuickFacts

- ✓ Since 1998, Waterloo Region’s Catholic Schools have raised more than **\$5 million** for various charitable causes. Major fundraising drives have been undertaken in the past to assist the victims of tragedies ranging from the tsunami in Southeast Asia to Hurricane Katrina to the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti to the human tragedy currently unfolding in Syria.
- ✓ With 21,193 JK to Grade 12 students in the system, the total raised on **“Friends of Fort McMurray Day”** amounts to more than \$2 per student.

Quotes

“As we noted in launching our special **‘Friends of Fort McMurray Day’** initiative, Waterloo Region’s Catholic schools have had a long history of stepping up and offering support when major natural and humanitarian disasters have struck around the world. We thank the Canadian Red Cross and the Government of Canada for their assistance, and we trust God will ensure our prayers and the funds collected on **‘Friends of Fort McMurray Day’** will bring some small measure of comfort to our brothers and sisters in Alberta as they begin rebuilding their lives”.

-- **Loretta Notten, Director of Education, WCDSB**

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