

# BOSCO NEWS

## John Bosco Child and Family Services Foundation

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### Bosco Foundation 2020 Bursary Recipients

The Bosco Foundation's objective is to encourage high-school students to participate in their communities by volunteering to assist charitable causes and activities aimed at helping others. Our bursaries were established to provide students wishing to pursue post-secondary education with financial assistance.

The overarching qualifications for our bursaries is to recognize our recipients' acts of outreach within their communities; be they school or community-based activities for the greater good.

Each of our Bursary Recipients have significant records of volunteering during their high-school journeys. From helping tutor fellow students having difficulties with their schoolwork, to helping those who need physical assistance.

Some of our recipients took responsibility to look after their siblings or ailing relatives and still reached out to help others. While others, were very active in their faith communities and participated in regular food and clothing drives year in and year out.

There were students who helped seniors with yard work and snow removal while some volunteered significantly to assist with school based events; be it welcoming visitors to their schools, to helping with a myriad of special events that make the high-school experience meaningful and formative.

All our Recipients' references attested to a long and significant record of service. We are pleased to recognize their acts of kindness and charity.

### \$5,000



Lhanz  
Danao



Rhema  
Orukwo



Shivneil  
Singh

### \$3,000



Jayden  
Brasok



Seamus  
Hurst



Peter  
Nguyen

### \$1,000



Andre  
D'Souza



Alicia  
Edwards



Melwin  
Moncy



Alexis  
Salsbury



Milcah  
Uy



Tishara  
Wall

**100% of Donations go directly toward charitable work and our Bursary Program as our rental income covers all administrative and overhead costs.**

### Bursaries are Available

To students planning to study at a university, college or technical institute. Bursaries are for students with a significant record of volunteer activities at their schools, and community.

For Bursary Information and Application Forms please visit our web-site and click on Bursaries. [www.boscofoundation.com](http://www.boscofoundation.com)

To make a donation towards the bursary fund, please contact Dr Gus Rozycki at: [grozycki@boscofoundation.com](mailto:grozycki@boscofoundation.com)



Sponsor Energy offers highly competitive electricity, gas & internet/tv rates.

To find out more about rates in Alberta for comparison, you can go to the Alberta Utilities Consumer Advocate website at [www.ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca) to see how the various rates stack up against each other.

Please check out their offerings. Signing up is simply a registration via our web-site [www.boscofoundation.com](http://www.boscofoundation.com) under "Fundraising". There is no binding contract and you can opt out any time.

Sponsor Energy donates 50% of profit to charities (which includes the Bosco Foundation) from their electricity, natural gas and Internet/TV Services.

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# WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS

## Virtual Silent Auction being launched in early 2021:

### You can donate:

Christmas or birthday gifts you aren't too excited about and exchange them for a tax receipt; also items such as tickets to an Oilers or Eskimos game, Symphony, Citadel or Dinner Theater which you might not use, or that painting/print on the wall you've grown weary of, or any other items of value.

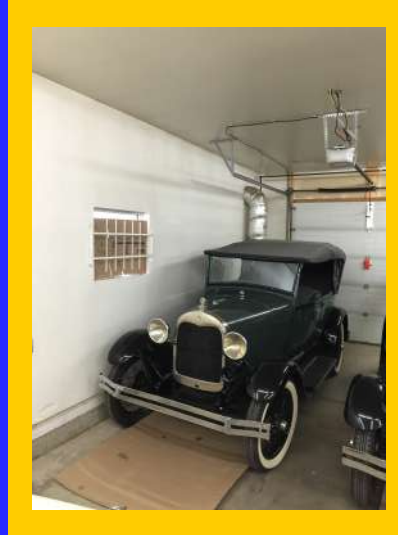
Please contact us and one of our volunteers will be happy to retrieve it (Provided its in the Edmonton area). We will offer a tax receipt for the market value of such items.

To make an in-kind donation, please contact Janice at (780) 809-8585 ext. 3 or [jzenari@boscofoundation.com](mailto:jzenari@boscofoundation.com)

Please check our web-site [www.boscofoundation.com](http://www.boscofoundation.com) periodically for the planned Virtual Silent Auction.

Our web-site is currently being upgraded in stages and should be fully operational by the end of January 2021.

### Some items in our inventory:



## St Francis Center Featured Tenant Africa Centre - <https://www.africacentre.ca>



Africa Centre programs endeavour to create opportunities for access and full participation in all aspects of Alberta's Society by individuals and families of African descent. The programs and services focus on enhancing protective factors, promoting education, re-establishing cultural identity, reducing high-risk behaviours, and increasing the circles of support, and enabling full participation in all aspects of life for individuals and families. They deliver programs and services through community contributions of time, skills and resources by bringing community members and volunteers together for the benefit of building a thriving society.

### Africa Centre focus is to:

- Support Unity and a sense of community belonging by celebrating cultural heritage and diversity.
- Reduce social isolation among seniors and facilitate intergenerational cultural preservation.
- Provide a nurturing environment that fosters healthy relationships, inclusivity and resilience among youth of African-decent.
- Facilitate culturally relevant affordable Early Learning and Child Care programs.
- Promote gender equality and empowerment of African-decent women.
- Improve employment opportunities through skills development and career support.
- Influence and improve the experience going through the settlement system and outcomes through the development of partnerships, broader integration, and development of inter-cultural competence.
- Maintain effective and efficient governance systems.
- Ensure that timely accurate useful information is consistently applied in sound decision-making throughout the agency.



## Donations:

Fundraising is an important aspect of delivering services to people in need. The Bosco Foundation accepts in-kind donations for use in various programs or for fundraising purposes to acquire items for our Virtual Auction.

The Bosco Foundation gratefully accepts any and all donations, large or small. Your contribution will help our beneficiary organizations to improve quality of life for their clients.

The following organizations benefit directly or indirectly from support of the Bosco Foundation:

- 12 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets
- AA Group Eastwood
- Africa Centre (Council For Advancement Of African Canadians In Alberta)
- Amiskwacyi Cultural Society - Aboriginal Head Start
- Haitian Organization of Edmonton
- Oromian Community Association of Edmonton
- Sinkunia Community Development Organization
- Zanzibari Community Association in Alberta
- 19 Alberta Dragoons Army Cadets
- AA Group North Edmonton
- Alberta KC Affordable Seniors Housing Society
- Edmonton Pro Life Society
- Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association
- Sihle – Sizwe Vineyard Foundation
- Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton

Some of our tenants operate food distribution programs for community members in need.



## Affordable Housing Needs

Lower income seniors face a constant challenge to find affordable housing on their limited retirement incomes. The Bosco Foundation has accepted the challenge of spearheading the development of an apartment complex on the 3.5 acre parcel of land surrounding our St. Francis Center. We have entered into an agreement with a Service Organization to partner in operating the planned V shaped 6 story Apartment Building with 100 affordable rental suites (mostly 1 bedroom with a sprinkling of 2 bedroom units) and plenty of common areas on each floor.



This Summer and Fall, we welcomed three new tenants to our St. Francis Center:

1. Haitian Organization of Edmonton
  2. Oromian Community Association of Edmonton
  3. Sinkunia Community Development Organization
- Together with the Bosco Foundation, we are now a collection of 16 not-for-profit and charitable organizations serving hundreds of clients on a weekly basis.



Many of our friends help us in various ways. Some help us financially, others make in-kind donations or volunteer their skills.

Revenue Canada allows us to issue tax deductible receipts for monetary or in-kind donations such as items which have a monetary value.



**Aeroplan established a charitable vehicle for individuals to donate Aeroplan Miles. Pooling Aeroplan Miles in support of local charitable initiatives.**

You can go to the AeroPlan web-site <https://www.aeroplan.com/login/auth.do#/>, click on the Donate Miles link and transfer from your Aeroplan account a minimum of 1,000 miles or more to the St John Bosco Child and Family Services Foundation.

Sometimes one of our benefactors offers their property as an auction item for a week or two in Arizona or California and we can provide transportation by utilizing our AeroPlan Miles.

We also use our AeroPlan Miles for staff development to attend workshops or conferences, thus saving our scarce resources for charitable work.

