

April 1, 2021

Dear St. Brendan Parents and Guardians:

At St. Brendan it is our goal to grow students to become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Gospel values into their daily lives so they can become socially responsible citizens who demonstrate compassion, resilience, responsibility and hope. Charitable giving to help people who are less fortunate is one of the ways we can foster these values in our students. **St. Brendan CES is proud to announce it will be running a charitable campaign for ShareLife from April 6 - 9, 2021**.

ShareLife is the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It supports more than 40 Catholic agencies that serve people who are poor and marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond. ShareLife-funded agencies serve the entire community, regardless of religious affiliation.

There are so many people who have been greatly affected in this pandemic and ShareLife has been there to support programs that help people in need in our community, including people suffering from mental health illnesses, isolated seniors, young mothers and their children, newcomers to Canada, and people with special needs.

This is why our school will be supporting ShareLife this year to ensure that we do our part to help those in need. During ShareLife Week our school will be **sharing virtual hugs** to raise money for ShareLife. To minimize contact this year, we ask you to please donate using the three-step electronic donation process in support of the send-a-hug ShareLife campaign.

LET'S SHARE SOME CHEER BY SENDING OUR FRIENDS A VIRTUAL HUG TO SHOW THAT YOU CARE



VIRTUAL HUGS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2 PER HUG OR \$5 FOR 3 HUGS

<u>Step One</u> - Make an e-transfer from your bank account to <u>ShareLife2021@ycdsb.ca</u>.

Please note: **No security question and answer is required** as this is an auto deposit account. If a security question/answer is set up your deposit cannot be completed.

The minimum donation amount for a tax receipt is \$10. All tax receipts will be issued by ShareLife.

Many financial institutions have waived their e-transfer fees due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check with your financial institution if you have any questions about how to make an e-transfer or email transfer.

Step Two - Complete this YCDSB 2021 ShareLife Campaign Form

Before you complete the form, please send your donation by e-transfer from your bank account to <u>ShareLife2021@ycdsb.ca</u>.

Filling out this form will allow the school to track your donation so your contribution can be added to our school's tally. This form will also allow for a charitable tax receipt to be issued to you from ShareLife if your donation is \$10 or more.

Step Three - Complete the attached St. Brendan Google Form

This provides the student's and classroom teacher's names to send a virtual hug! Hugs will be delivered to the students via their Google Classroom.

We hope you will participate in this event and assist with our school's ShareLife Campaign. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Your Friends at St. Brendan CES