



# FOOTHILLS ACADEMY SOCIETY

A Leader in Learning Disabilities since 1979

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Dear Community Member,

Imagine what it's like to sit in a classroom day after day and struggle with learning to read, write or do math. Imagine what it's like to be teased and bullied and told that you're "stupid" when you know that you're not. This is the experience that a child with Learning Disabilities feels every day before coming to Foothills Academy. Learning Disabilities affect at least 1 in 10 children in our community and it can be a real struggle for them to succeed without the right supports.



"Foothills Academy is life changing not only for the students that attend the school but also for the families of the students. Foothills saved our son. I do not want to think about where he would be without Foothills Academy."

Since 1979, Foothills Academy Society has been a leader in working with children and youth with Learning Disabilities and associated disorders. For those who attend our full-time school program, they find small classes with understanding teachers who teach them in a way so they can learn. They graduate from high school and most go on to post-secondary education and beyond. Through our Community Services area, children can receive specialized one-on-one tutoring or participate in a unique summer camp program that helps them learn social skills, gain self-confidence, and build self-esteem. The future for these children is bright.

**What can you do to help?** One of the core principles of Foothills Academy is not to turn anyone away from our services due to financial circumstances. In order to do this, **we need to raise \$1 million per year for our Bursary Fund**. We are reaching out to the community to help us in this effort by donating an item or service toward one of our upcoming fundraising events. This coming year, we are holding a golf tournament, a gala evening and a family fun event. We require items that can be used as part of our silent and live auctions. If you prefer, a cash donation is also very welcome. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt (within the limits of CRA regulations). We are also looking for sponsors for our events. If sponsorship is of interest to you, please contact us.

Thank you for considering our request and supporting children with Learning Disabilities in Calgary.

For further information, please contact the canvasser: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

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