

October 24, 2011
D/BU #44/2011-2012



OSSTF/FEESO Annual Designated Charities 2011-2012: Kids Help Phone and Ontario Campaign 2000

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents

From: Kenneth Coran, President

For Action

The Provincial Executive is continuing its support for *Kids Help Phone* and *Ontario Campaign 2000* as the OSSTF/FEESO designated charities for 2011-2012. Both organizations continue to fill an important niche in advocating for and giving assistance to our students and their families.

During its twenty year history, *Kids Help Phone* (KHP) has greatly expanded its outreach as a bilingual national organization serving children and teens in need of counseling, advice and intervention. KHP now provides direct phone and online support to over 2.2 million requests for help each year, including young people living in rural and remote communities across Canada where supports are not readily available. The KHP website also provides access to resources on a wide variety of issues including sexuality, harassment and bullying, drugs and alcohol, dating, and family relationships. Youth awareness materials are provided free of charge to schools to build awareness of KHP services and how to access them.

OSSTF/FEESO's other designated charity, *Ontario Campaign 2000* (C2000), takes its name from the unanimous vote in 1989 by the House of Commons to end child poverty in Canada by the year 2000. *C2000 Ontario* continues to be a leading voice in the campaign for provincial action on child poverty, working alongside a wide range of social justice and labour partners. Their annual report on the extent and causes of child and family poverty in Ontario is an important advocacy tool. This includes the urgency of recognizing and addressing child and family poverty in rural and aboriginal communities, as well as cities.

As a designated charity of OSSTF/FEESO each group will receive a donation of \$5,000.00 from Account #6480 to help sustain their work. The Provincial Executive also requests that districts and bargaining units consider local support during the 2011/2012 school year through direct donations and/or by encouraging member participation in fund-raising activities such as the annual Walk for Kids Help Phone.

Protecting and Enhancing Public Education
Protéger et faire avancer l'éducation publique

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
Fédération des enseignantes-enseignants
des écoles secondaires de l'Ontario
60 Mobile Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2P3

TEL 416.751.8300
TEL 1.800.267.7867
FAX 416.751.3394
www.osstf.on.ca



Donations to *Kids Help Phone* and *Ontario Campaign 2000* can be sent to:

Kids Help Phone

Melissa DeMers, Associate, Major & Annual Giving
Kids Help Phone, Ontario Regional Office
439 University Avenue, Suite 300
Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8
Phone (416) 581-8956

Ontario Campaign 2000

Alizeh Hussain
Family Services Toronto
355 Church Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5B 1Z8
Phone: (416) 595-9230 Extension 241

For more information on these organizations contact Jane Ste. Marie at the provincial office.

JSM/mjl cope 343

