

HLF aims to raise \$10,000 for next school year

School is just around the corner, and some kids in Halton are unable to afford the necessary supplies.

In fact, one in 10 students will not be returning to school with new clothes or supplies.

To help those students, the Halton Learning Foundation (HLF) is on a mission to raise \$10,000 by Sept. 1, and the organization is asking for help.

According to HLF executive

director Lesley Mansfield, the majority of students who receive support come from a family where one or both parents work.

"The high cost of housing in Halton, low-paid work and unexpected events like illness or accidents can affect a family's income to the point where they can no longer afford to buy their children new shoes or send them on a school trip," Mansfield said in a

press release.

"We don't want kids in our community to give up on their education and the opportunity for a better future because they are unable to fully participate in school."

According to Mansfield, even a small donation can make a difference. All it takes for a student to be included in a class field trip is \$20.

Every year, HLF provides

emergency funds for clothing, lunches and other basic necessities to over 1,000 students in the Halton District School Board.

For more information, call 905-335-3665, ext. 3408 or 3388, or visit haltonlearningfoundation.ca.

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