

Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children

Chairperson's Report 2018

The history of our orphanages began on Ash Wednesday 1855 when Bishop Field gifted a house behind the Cathedral Rectory to house seven boys and one girl from ages 4-8. By 1857, a building fund saw an enlarged facility which housed a matron, 2 widows and 14 orphans. In 1868 the population had increased to 12 boys and 12 girls. In 1917, the Job family presented the Orphanage Authority their summer home 'Exon', Long Pond which housed 48 girls. The following year Sir Edgar Bowring donated the 'Steers Farm', Long Pond for a boys orphanage named the Shannon Munn Memorial. Following the destruction of the girls orphanage, the 47 boys and 37 girls were housed in the new 'Exon House' incorporating the T.R. Job Memorial Wing for girls and the Shannon Munn Memorial Wing for boys. In 1971, "Exon House" was closed and the building sold to the provincial government.



Under the vision of Archbishop Robert L. Seaborn, the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children (ACFC) was incorporated with the mandate to administer the funds in accordance with the fundamental principles that guided the establishment of the original orphanages. It is to this legacy that we continue to fulfil our mandate through the three levels of administration: The Charity, the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees

The Work of the Charity

The Charity is the body which draws membership from the three dioceses who each appoint six members. The Charity meets in the spring for the AGM to review and to adopt each of the audited statements, to receive and to adopt the reports of each Trustee Committee and to elect officers and members for the coming year. Each bishop or delegate is an ex-officio members.

The Work of the Board of Managers

The ten member Board of Managers is elected from the Charity and meets immediately following the AGM and again in the late fall. The Board of Managers implements policies as set forth by the Charity and manages the financial resources.

The Work of the Trustees

The Board of Trustees are appointed by each diocesan bishop. Each Trustee Committee meets regularly to review applications for assistance following the guidelines that have been set down by the Charity. Applications that meet our guidelines are processed and the funds issued to the Parish.

Each Trustee committee is dependent on the local priest (or designate) to make applications for camp, clothing, education bursaries, fire or medical assistance. While in most of our province the changing demographics shows young families moving away or are not church connected, the ability of our charity to continue assisting our families is truly a blessing to all who sit on each committee.

2016	Families	Children	Bursaries	Camp	Medical
Central	56	94	5	28	4
Eastern	111	199	5	10	6
Western	88	165	5	13	5
2017					
Central	57	89	8	10	1
Eastern	105	210	3	12	3
Western	55	125	5	10	2

I offer my sincere thanks to every member who sits on each level of administration, and especially to the executive members who help the ACFC run efficiently and within our guidelines. A particular thanks you for those who have served faithfully and who are no longer a member on the charity.

The ACFC has benefited financially through memorial donations and endowments from estates. I ask you to consider the work of the ACFC and those we assist in your prayers and if possible in your own wills, estate planning and donations.

Father John+

The Rev. Canon John Courage
ACFC Chairperson

Photographs: This avenue of trees led to the main entrance of the Bowring family 'Steers Farm' Shannon Munn Memorial (site of the present Arts and Culture Centre). The plaque reads: 'George V Jubilee 1910-1935 This tree planted by the C.E. Boys Orphanage May 6, 1935'. The trees and plaque may be found as you drive past the main entrance immediately on the left.