

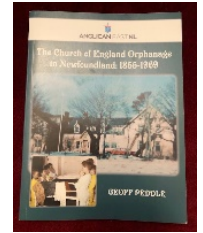
The Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children

The Chairperson's Annual Report 2021

Bishop Edward Feild: The Legacy Lives on!: The Beginning

“What a legacy! Little did Bishop Edward Feild ever think that his desire to establish a method of helping those in the greatest need for the people of his time would continue for 165 years. The Bishop’s vision of a home to help orphans and widows which began on Ash Wednesday, March 21st, 1855, in time became the Church of England Orphanages for boys and girls. With government, assuming a greater role in the care of orphaned and foster children, the need for church run orphanages was diminished which led to the phasing out and the closure and eventual sale of Exon House in 1971. Fortunately, the Anglican Church in our province continues to celebrate this long and lasting legacy of Bishop Feild which led to the creation of the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children in 1974.”

It is with the above paragraph that I introduced a chapter on the history of the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children (ACFC) in the book “The Church of England Orphanage in Newfoundland: 1855-1969” by the late Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, the Rt Rev Dr Geoff Peddle. This book chronicles the history of the Orphanage from its earliest days until its closing in 1969 and the formation of the ACFC. Indeed the legacy lives on!



The Articles of Association provides three levels of administration.

- Our current eighteen members of the Charity consists of the three Bishops (or designates) as ex-officio members, the four members of the Executive, Chairpersons and elected members from the three Trustee Committees.
- The ten member Board of Managers is elected at the Annual General Meeting and manages the financial resources of the Charity and implements policies. The AGM and the two Board of Managers meetings are via Zoom.
- Each Board of Trustees is appointed by each diocesan bishop. This is the body which meets regularly to review applications for assistance following the guidelines set by the Charity under the categories of clothing, medical assistance, emergency and special circumstances for demonstrated need from newborn to age 19 and in school) and education bursaries for full time, first degree individuals up to the age of 25.

This past year saw a decline in the number of applications. This may be attributed to the changing demographics in smaller areas of our province and to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This table shows the work of the ACFC in each Diocese for 2019:

2019	Families	Children	Bursaries
Central	33	65	6
Eastern	108	206	3
Western	99	166	7
	240	437	16
2020			
Central	21	51	4
Eastern	96	187	5
Western	58	97	5
	175	335	14

Over the 46 year history of the ACFC, our records show just over 40,000 children were assisted through clothing allowances, educational bursaries, medical assistance, camps and emergencies totalling in excess of \$5,000,000. This does not include contributions over the years of \$3,000,000 to assist Diocesan Camps, Diocesan Counselling Centres, Shelters such as Transition Houses and Group Homes and Iris Kirby House and the School for the Deaf. In recent years contributions have been primarily directed to recipients according to our current guidelines. All this began with a five pound donation to Bishop Feild in 1855. The Legacy continues!

I thank all members of the Anglican Charitable Foundation for their commitment and faithfulness in carrying out the vision of Bishop Field. This is a very important outreach ministry of our Anglican Church throughout the province. I also thank those who have made financial contributions either directly or through their estate planning. Every donation continues the legacy which continues to this day.

I conclude my fifth Annual Report with my closing chapter in Bishop Geoff's book which can be purchased from the ENL Resource Centre @ 709-576-6051 or rescentr@anglican.net .

"The reflections of parish priests, families and recipients of assistance show how tremendous a support this ministry of the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children within our province has been in making the difference for good for so many families. Little could Bishop Edward Feild ever think that his desire to establish a method of helping those in the greatest need for the people of his time would continue for 165 years. The Legacy lives on!"

In His Service,

Father John+

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Models of the two Orphanages



The Shannon Munn Memorial for Boys



The T.R. Job Memorial for Girls