



## **“No Child Shall Go Cold in Pictou County”**

The Pictou County Fuel Fund has launched its fundraising program for the 2020-21 season. We are requesting that all schools in the Celtic Family consider “adopting a family” that will require assistance from the Fuel Fund this winter by donating \$400 (the amount of furnace oil, wood or pellets provided to a family who qualifies for assistance).

In the past, schools have held fundraisers to contribute to the Fuel Fund by having:

- Popcorn or ice cream sales,
- Collecting donations at concerts, dances, etc.,
- Playing dodgeball or hockey games between two schools, and
- Staff inviting parents to contribute to the Fuel Fund in lieu of teacher gifts at Christmas time.
- staff donations
- **putting a blurb in the school newsletter with the website link - how to apply and/or donate** (Blurb included at the bottom)

In some cases, these efforts came about as a direct result of school staff hearing young children share their stories of having no heat in their homes. It is a real and unfortunate need that we cannot ignore.

Below are some fundamental principles of the Pictou County Fuel Fund:

- During the 2020-21 season, almost \$60,000 worth of fuel was delivered to approximately 350 needy families in Pictou County.
- 99% of every dollar raised goes directly towards the purchase of fuel for Pictou County residents who find themselves in a short term EMERGENCY situation and simply cannot afford to heat their homes.
- The application process for assistance is very carefully supervised to ensure that only those who are truly in need of support get the support.
- The Fuel Fund has no guaranteed corporate donations, although we have companies that do generously donate to the fund. While we depend on these donations, we also rely on donations from individuals, service clubs, municipalities and schools.

We would invite and encourage all schools in the Celtic family to contribute to this real and important need within our community and help connect our families with resources that are available to them.

Please see our website : <http://www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca/>

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<http://www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca/> VISIT website to DONATE or APPLY

Please follow the process below to apply for assistance.

Applications will be accepted again starting on November 15, 2021.

**Step 1**– Please use the [online application form](#) and provide the details requested and submit it on the link provided. If unable to fill out the online form you can call [1-902-616-4328](tel:1-902-616-4328) to leave a message and be sure to provide some indication of urgency of your need. We will return your call during office hours. Hours of operation will be **Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30pm**.

**Step 2**– A representative of PCFF will get in touch with you to review your situation and confirm the level of support that may be available.

**Step 3**– We will review the various levels of support available for each situation. We recognize that “urgent situations” require quick action and that will be our goal to the extent possible. **IF you have not heard back from the PCFF within 48 hours Monday – Friday please call to confirm the status of your online application.**