



St. Clair Catholic Donates Surplus Furniture and Books to Canadian Food for Children – Chatham-Kent

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Six truckloads of furniture and books are on their way to Mississauga, for shipment to schools in Africa and Haiti. The items were declared surplus, following the closing of St. Vincent, St. Agnes, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Joseph Catholic schools in Chatham.

“We are pleased to partner with Canadian Food for Children – Chatham-Kent (CFFC-CK) in repurposing these surplus items for schools in Africa and Haiti, where they are desperately needed,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “We are helping to fulfill our Catholic mission to support social justice and humanitarian projects around the world.”

The surplus items include student chairs and desks, teachers’ desks and books.

CFFC-CK was formed in 2007 and has been collecting and sending food, clothing, medical and school supplies and other needed items to the main warehouse in Mississauga. From there it is loaded into shipping containers and trucked to Halifax, for shipment to Africa; and the Port of Miami, for shipment to Haiti and South America. The volunteers of CFFC-CK have supported missions in such countries as Tanzania, Sierra Leone, El Salvador, Haiti and Zambia, among others.

Dr. Andrew Simone of Toronto, and his wife Joan, in response to a request from Mother Teresa, founded Canadian Food for Children in Canada in 1981.

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