

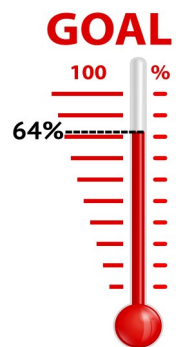
# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME IN A PANDEMIC



**2020—the year that changed our lives.** COVID-19 has tested all of us and for many changed the way we work and spend our leisure time. Many of us have had to re-evaluate how we want to live our lives and learned to do things differently. The EHFC Board of Trustees who govern the Charitable Division of CIPHI have found like many Canadian charities, that the pandemic has also affected our ability to fundraise. Our Board has not been able to organize any face-to-face fundraising events during 2020.

In 2019, the EHFC Board of Trustees celebrated our 30th year as CIPHI's charity and set a financial goal to raise \$30,000 to create and sustain two new endowment funds: (1) to support students enrolled at one of the CIPHI accredited academic institutions, to attend the National CIPHI AEC up to \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of student registration, and (2) to partner with a like-minded charity to support an annual domestic or international aid project that focuses on but not limited to food safety, hygiene, sanitation, and safe drinking water.

Colleagues from across Canada donated to the 30th anniversary fundraising campaign and by the end of 2019 we raised \$17,630. The funds raised were through the generous donations from CIPHI Branches, Conference exhibitors/sponsors, individual donations and hundreds of PHIs/EHOs who participated in many of our fundraising events such as our annual silent auction, 50/50 ticket draw, golf tournament, etc. **The EHFC Board of Trustees decided to continue our efforts to reach 100% of our \$30,000 goal in 2020, so that is where you come in from the comfort of your home.** We have reached **64%** of our goal having raised **\$19,160**.



**Please help us reach our fundraising goal of 100% by donating by December 31st!** Complete and mail a donation form or go to our website [www.EHFC.ca](http://www.EHFC.ca) and click on the DONATE button to make your online gift.

**All donors will be entered into a draw for one of three money gift cards (\$50, \$100, \$200) donated by a Board Trustee.**

The EHFC is a Canadian registered Charity—No. 87096-8377-RR0001. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Best Regards,

Pamela L. Scharfe, CPHI(C), EHFC Chair

## The Challenges of Supporting and Fundraising

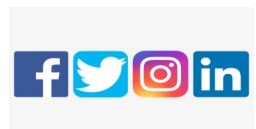
A goal of the EHFC Board is to carry out fundraising activities to be able to on an annual basis to collaborate with like-minded charities to support Canadian and international environmental public health aid projects. The ability to support initiatives however is based on the annual giving of our donors. The EHFC Board is made up of volunteer trustees who are members of our professional organization and are responsible for the creation of projects, fundraising and the administration of the Foundation's work. We have no staff so it is up to the Board to organize and manage public health aid projects. We have been fortunate in the last ten years to find partners over the years and to financially support different types of environmental public health projects in Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Nicaragua based on funds being available. Our goal is to have the financial stability to fund an aid project each year.

Our latest aid project partner is COMMIT (Canadian Outreach Medical & Mission Team) also supported by the Stratford Rotary Club Charitable Foundation. One of the many projects the team oversees is the drilling of new wells and retrofitting older wells in small villages in Nicaragua. Two of the many positive aspects that interested the EHFC Board of Trustees is that the Team have no overhead and are 100% volunteer based like our Foundation and there is on the ground evaluation component for each of their projects. You can learn more about our past and current aid projects by visiting our website [www.EHFC.ca/Support Us Page/Fund Raising Initiatives](http://www.EHFC.ca/Support Us Page/Fund Raising Initiatives).



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**STUDENT SPONSORSHIP TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CIPHI ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Can you remember attending your first conference as a young PHI/EHO where you may have met your first employer, former classmates, and possibly made life long friends. It can be an especially memorable experience for a final year student with dreams of starting their career in environmental public health inspection.

With this in mind, the EHFC Board discussed the creation a new education initiative during the Kananaskis AEC and with the help of CIPHI President Adam Grant who volunteered to have his legs waxed if the conference delegates raised \$5,000. They met that challenge and pledged in excess of \$5,000. On Nov. 23, 2009, the EHFC Board passed a motion to financially support students from the CIPHI accredited schools to attend future National CIPHI AEC up to \$5,000 annually if funding is available.

The first year of support was at the joint 2010 CIPHI AEC and the International Federation of Environmental Health hosted by the Vancouver Health Authority. The Board was able to support the attendance of 52 students (42 BCIT and 10 Concordia students). Between 2010-2019 (except for three years due to lack of funding) the EHFC Board of Trustees has sponsored a total of 87 PHI students in the amount of \$18,000 to attend the National CIPHI AEC.

This has become a very popular education project for the Board and as part of our 2019 30th anniversary initiatives a “sponsorship endowment fund” was established through our fundraising campaign. To date we have raised \$10,000 toward this new fund and we are looking to you to consider a pledge to help us sustain future student sponsorship for many years to come.

“The changing population and climate are certainly going to require some new approaches and initiatives. After attending this educational conference I can see that Public Health Professionals are going to be a large part of this change.” **Charles Young, CBU**

“When I returned to Ryerson University, I was very motivated to share everything I learned at the conference with others in the School of Occupational and Public Health.”  
**Miga Zambaku, Ryerson**

“The opportunity to learn new things, network with various professionals and meet people from across Canada was very valuable.”  
**Jordan Shorey, Conestoga**



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