

»» NEWSLETTER ««

THE TWINKIE FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING SAULT STE. MARIE FAMILIES



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S THE UPDATE FOR 2024?



AN OVERVIEW OF
the second quarter of 2024.

We'll take a look at what we've been up to behind the scenes and outline the various ways you've supported our cause so far in 2024.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT HAZEL ROSE? «««

We love supporting local. Hazel Rose Inc. is a new local small business creating custom gift boxes and gift ideas. So cool!

They donated a portion of their first ever gift box launch to The Twinkie Foundation.



APPLICATIONS ARE STILL GROWING

WE CONTINUE TO SEE AN INCREASE IN YOY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

>>> FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2024

we've seen a 40% increase in applications received compared to 2023. Our effort to increase exposure for The Twinkie Foundation has been effective as we continue to see new families who are now aware of our existence. Please continue to share our mission so we can continue to reach families who need our help.

HOW TO CONTACT THE FOUNDATION:

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Website: www.thetwinkiefoundation.ca

Social Media:

Facebook: [TheTwinkieFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/TheTwinkieFoundation)

Instagram: [twinkiefoundation](https://www.instagram.com/twinkiefoundation)

>>> HOW WE CAN HELP:

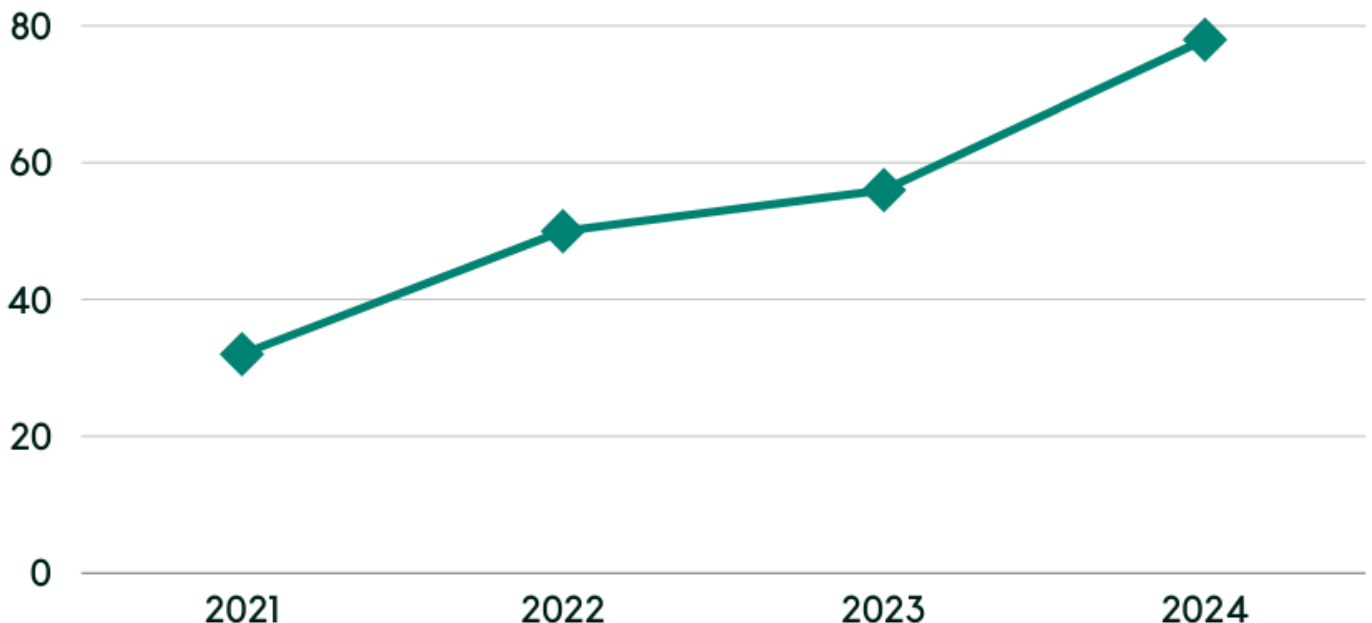
We strive to help as many families as possible. We provide financial assistance for items not covered by any other source. We always take into account funds provided by the Northern Ontario Travel Grant (NOTG).

Specifically, we can help with various items including:

- Per diem amounts for meals
- Accommodation's (not covered by the NOTG)
- Fuel
- Allowances for taxies, subway, bus fares, etc.
- Parking

For more information, please contact karen@thetwinkiefoundation.ca

of Applications Received January 1 to June 30



FIFTY FOR CHANGE

»»» LOCAL INITIATIVE RAISED \$925 FOR THE FOUNDATION IN JUNE



Fifty For Change is a local initiative created by Adam and Katie Lyons. It's an informal group dedicated to bringing people together each month to support various local charitable organizations. Each month, each member donates \$50 to the charity of the month.

The goal is to harness the power of numbers and show the community that collective action can lead to real, positive change.

Thank you to all those who contributed to The Twinkie Foundation in June. Next month supports Women in Crisis - For more info, email fiftyforchange@gmail.com

»»» AS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO'S BEEN THROUGH

a medically stressful situation with a child, we figured you had advice for others in the same scenario. Here's what some of you told us:

- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Family and friends will help if you tell them exactly what you need.
- Look into Hope Air for reduced medical flights
- Ask airlines about medical companion rates
- Claim leftover medical expenses on your tax returns.
- Keep all your receipts from travelling
- Keep communication open between your medical teams in the North and the referring hospital you're attending with your child

HAVE ANY ADVICE TO OFFER?

What's some advice you have for parents heading into a unknown medical situation with a child?

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SOO SINGS FOR KIDS



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The Twinkie Foundation

TEAM COLLECTIVE VOICES

do it again taking 3rd place in the 2024 Soo Sings for Kids event. In doing so, they raised \$2,500 for The Twinkie Foundation. This years performance saw them belting out a medley of Disney villain songs, and dancing like everyone was watching :P

As always, this event is a hit often accompanied by a packed house. More importantly, this event has now raised more than \$120,000 for local children's charities. Mark this event on your calendar for 2025 - you don't want to miss it. >>>

TEAM COLLECTIVE VOICES:

- City of Sault Ste. Marie
- District of SSM Social Services Administrative Board
- SK Group In.
- Innomar Strategies

With Mentors Melissa Patterson (Dance) and Steven patterson (Voice)

>>>SAVE THE DATE!

The 5th Annual Steelworkers Charity Golf Tournament is Sunday August 11th at Crimson Ridge. Head out for a fun day of golf and contests in support of The Twinkie Foundation. We're very grateful for the continued support of our Sault Ste. Marie Steelworkers.

