

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

THE TWINKIE FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING SAULT STE. MARIE FAMILIES



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

>>> LET'S REFLECT ON

the year that was 2024. On January 14th, we'll be celebrating 8 years of the Twinkie Foundation. It's hard to believe it's been that long. We have many plans for the future growth of The Twinkie Foundation. It's because of local support that we've been able to get to where we are today. As we head into 2025, remember that nothing is more important than family and let's continue to work on keeping families together, healthy and happy.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT IN 2024**

>>> DO YOU UTILIZE THE NORTHERN TRAVEL GRANT?

There were changes implemented to the Northern Ontario Travel Grant on Dec 1st, 2024. Continue reading to see how these changes will affect your future travel for medical appointments.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A
MONTHLY DONOR?**

Head to our website to sign up:
www.thetwinkiefoundation.ca

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

AN OVERVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE 2019

>>> IN 2024, WE RECEIVED

a record number of applications at 156. Help us reach more families in 2025 by sharing about The Twinkie Foundation, and reaching out to family and friends who could use our help.

HOW TO CONTACT THE FOUNDATION:

Phone: 705-255-7576

Email: karen@thetwinkiefoundation.ca

Website: www.thetwinkiefoundation.ca

Social Media:

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

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

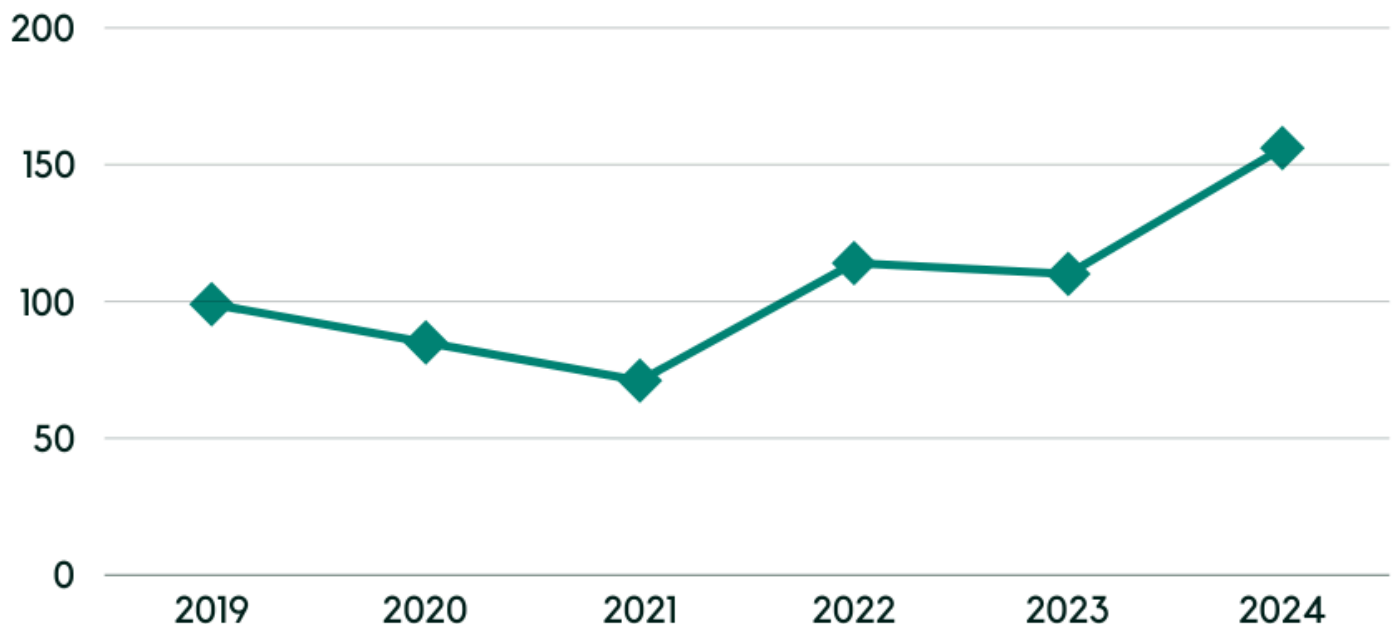
>>> WHILE WE'RE VOLUNTEER BASED,

we strive to help as many families as possible who. To qualify for financial assistance from The Twinkie Foundation, you must meet three criteria:

1. Your child must be under the age of 18
2. Your child requires medical care at a medical facility 200km's or more outside of Sault Ste. Marie
3. You must live in Sault Ste. Marie, or live within 100kms of Sault Ste. Marie

For more information, please contact us at karen@thetwinkiefoundation.ca

of Applications Received 2019 TO 2024



SAULT AREA HOSPITAL INITIATIVE

➤➤➤ WE PARTNERED WITH SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE HELP FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN EMERGENT SITUATIONS AT SAULT AREA HOSPITAL



More importantly, these bags contain information about how to get assistance from **The Twinkie Foundation** and other useful resources that can help each family.

We wanted to offer a resource for families and give them direction on where to go for help. With the assistance of Monique Kevill (Patient Care Manager with the Women & Children's Health Program at SAH), these bags will be distributed to the families who need it most.

Thank you to our team at The Foundation for helping organize - Brianne Shunock, Alana Kenopic, Taylor Corelli, Melanie Lelievre, Christine Smith, Natalie Chlebus, Nancy Parr, and Greg Lefave

In October, **The Twinkie Foundation** delivered Hospital "Go-Bags" to Sault Area Hospital.

We noticed that many local families would find themselves in emergent situations that required them to be airlifted from Sault Area Hospital to other hospitals (I.e. SickKids, CHEO) with little time to prepare.

These GO BAGS are filled with essentials to help families navigate these circumstances when their lives have been turned upside down.

Some of the items included in each bag:

- Toothbrushes , Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Sanitizer, Blanket, Slippers, Sleeping mask, Wet wipes, Tim Hortons Gift Card, Notepad/Pen, Ear plugs,

THE TWINKIE FOUNDATION RECEIVED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES/ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP MAKE THESE BAGS POSSIBLE. WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THESE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND PASS ALONG OUR GRATITUDE FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THIS CAUSE:

**STONE'S OFFICE SUPPLY
OC BEAUTY**

**SHINE PEDIATRIC PHYSIOTHERAPY
BUILT WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION LTD.**

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**SAULT STE MARIE ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

PERMANENT ELECTRIC INC

**CIBC PRIVATE WEALTH - INTRINSIC FINANCIAL
GROUP**

**SUPERIOR CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM
IRWIN DENTISTRY**

EYE DEAL OPTICAL

WISHART LAW FIRM

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SAULT AREA HOSPITAL**

JESSICA GLEMNITZ - ANTHEM DESIGN



CHANGES TO NORTHERN ONTARIO TRAVEL GRANT EFFECTIVE **DEC 1/24**



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➤➤➤ REFERRAL DOCTOR SIGNATURES

are no longer required when you submit your application. The only signatures required are from the medical facility of your scheduled appointment

➤➤➤ ACCOMODATION ALLOWANCES HAVE INCREASED AS PER THE CHART BELOW

Both these changes are a step in the right direction to make accessing the travel grant easier for Northern families.

Please note that these changes only apply if your appointment date was on or after December 1, 2024.

If you would like a copy of the newest travel grant sent to you, please email directly at karen@thetwinkiefoundation.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION NHTG PROGRAM:

**OFFICE HOURS ARE
8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.,
MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

CLOSED HOLIDAYS.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
1-800-262-6524. OR GO TO
WWW.HEALTH.GOV.ON.CA/EN/PUBLIC/PUBLICATIONS/OHIP/NORTHERN.ASPX**

Number of Nights	Service Dates before Dec. 1, 2024	Service Dates on or after Dec. 1, 2024
1	\$100	\$175
2	\$200	\$350
3	\$250	\$475
4 - 7	\$500	\$1,025
8+	\$550	\$1,150