

**CLASS OF '76 CENTENNIAL FUND**  
**To**  
**SUPPORT CHARITABLE INITIATIVES OF THE CADETS**

One of the reasons our Class has had difficulty identifying a project is that there is nothing new that is really required by the cadets - the basic requirements of the cadets, and the college, are already met (we and all cadets are a fortunate group). In recognition of this, and to instill a culture of helping the less fortunate, the Class of 76 Centennial Fund should be used to encourage and support cadets in endeavours to assist those who are less fortunate. It would not be a case of just making a cash donation; rather the cadets would identify a need, develop an initiative in response to it, and draft a proposal for review by a selection committee. The cadets would then execute their selected project, which may or may not include travel by the cadets themselves. In this way the cadets would build on their organizational, planning, and leadership skills, while implementing projects within Canada and abroad. While many classes have funded projects that look back at the colleges, their history, and the accomplishments of ex-cadets, it is extremely appropriate that the Centennial Class Fund look forward and challenge cadets to make a positive contribution to the world, while at the same time gaining experience in some of the poorer areas of Canada/the world or leading projects in the local area to work with disadvantaged people. This is experience the cadets will not gain elsewhere, and will likely prove invaluable to them throughout their careers.

The proposal has the advantage that there is no requirement to establish a management structure as it fits with the Foundation's mandate and initiative selection process. It will not require in-depth oversight by our Class if we do not wish (i.e. as we get older). The establishment of an endowment for the Class of '76 Centennial Fund will allow for the continued selection of initiatives for years into the future. The minimum necessary for an endowment is \$25K but of course much more can be donated over time.

Attached is a link in which one cadet has made an amazing personal donation and through his act of generosity he has gained so much. But it is the last two paragraphs that provide examples of what could be done with the Class of '76 Centennial Fund: funding travel to work in an orphanage, or leading a project in Kingston to buy bicycles so that children can get to and from school.

[http://www.thewhig.com/2016/08/18/anonymous-no-more?utm\\_source=addThis&utm\\_medium=addthis\\_button\\_email&utm\\_campaign=Anonymous+no+more+%7C+The+Kingston+Whig-Standard#.V7b7mwuksE4.email](http://www.thewhig.com/2016/08/18/anonymous-no-more?utm_source=addThis&utm_medium=addthis_button_email&utm_campaign=Anonymous+no+more+%7C+The+Kingston+Whig-Standard#.V7b7mwuksE4.email)