

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA FOUNDATION

AGM/Annual General Meeting
January 21, 2025
6:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

1. Maria De Fatima Esteves called the meeting at 6:32p.m.
WELCOMED all the Board Members.
2. Attendance: Maria De Fatima Esteves, Teresa De Luca, Tenci Leite, Henry Esteves, Alfreda Zaher, Maisa Salhia, Trina Christie, Marilyn Marshall, Eleonora Filippone, Alexandra Matias, Faris Masri, Seny Da Silva, Danny Da Silva, Teresa Calamanici. Joe Leite
Regrets: Onica Lewis;
3. A Quorum was established as per by-laws. Yes (14 voters)
4. Conflict of Interest: None identified at this meeting.
5. Maria De Fatima Esteves moved to approve the Minutes of [AGM] Annual General Meeting of 2024, as presented. Seconded by Maisa Salhia. All in favour. No Negatives.
- 5a Maria De Fatima Esteves moved to approve the Agenda of January 21st 2025, as presented. Seconded by Alfreda Zaher. All in favour. No Negatives.
6. Slate and Appointments: Tenci Leite stated; The following members have indicated by signed Letter of Intent to be appointed to the Board of Directors for the Year of 2025;

Maria de Fatima Esteves	Founder, President & Chair
Teresa De Luca	Vice-President
Tenci Leite	Secretary
Maisa Salhia	Director
Trina Christie	Director
Eleonora Filippone	Director
Marilyn Marshall	Director
Alfreda Zaher	Director
Henry Esteves	Director
Alexandra Matias	Director
Faris Masri	Director
Onica Lewis	Director

Approval of Slate as presented: Maria De Fatima Esteves moved to approve the Slate for 2025. Seconded by Alfreda Zaher. All in favour. Moved.

Registered Members: Joe E. Leite, Seny Da Silva, Danny Da Silva, Teresa Calamanici

7. Re-Appointment of Pearl Sluman Accountant: Maisa Salhia moved to appoint Pearl Sluman to continue to be the Accountant for Breakfast with Santa Foundation. Seconded by Tenci Leite. All in favour. Moved.
8. Budget 2025: Financial statements prepared by Pearl Sluman, as presented. Seconded by Teresa De Luca. All in favour. Moved
9. President's Report: Letter was sent to all Board Members as attached, in part saying "BWSF started reaching hungry children and families forty years ago. We will be celebrating this milestone year, as we see us in our Fourth Decade. Many thanks to Samir Zaher for his hard work, dedication after twelve years, this is not a good-bye as we will always have his support. We have entered new world of changes and with the Board Member's proficiency and wisdom, we will forge ahead in a successful and meaningful way.

10. Vice-President's Report: Letter was sent to all Board Members as attached and in part stating, "here we are, the start of a new year planning our way forward and to looking forward to helping needy families One Smile at a Time".
11. Breakfast With Santa Foundation acknowledges the contribution of the City of Mississauga through the Community Group Registry Program for the year 2024.
- 11(a) Mentions: Faris Masri as Officer, will be BWSF Treasurer; Alexandra Matias as Marketing Director
12. AGM Adjourned at 6:52pm

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Attendance and Regrets
3. Quorum
4. Conflict of Interest
5. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 2024
- 5a Approval of Agenda of January 21st 2025
6. Slate and Appointments
7. Re-Appointment of Pearl Sluman Accountant
8. Budget 2025
9. President's Report
10. Vice-President Report
11. City of Mississauga Acknowledgment
- 11a Mentions
12. Adjourn

Enclosed

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President's Report

Breakfast With Santa Foundation started reaching hungry children and families in difficult financial situations 40 years ago. Yes, 2025 sees the sands of time bringing us to our Fourth Decade!

Since then, we have conquered many challenges, considerably increased our annual revenue in terms of donations and corporate sponsorships as well as awareness of our work in the community. Our humble Charity fed thousands of hungry children; gifted hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies; ensured children in desperate need of winter outer gear received the gift of warmth and started a Baby Layette Program.

Our A Morning with Santa Christmas Breakfasts have touched the lives of thousands of families who were able to give their children a Christmas Celebration due to the generosity of our partners, supporters, and donors.

I am extremely proud of our Board and the wonderful volunteers who dedicate their time, hard work, passion and belief in what started as my vision and quickly became our Vision Statement:

To be a portal of hope to the enhancement to a child's quality of life.

This year I welcome our re-elected Board Members, and I am extremely fortunate to be able to welcome our newly elected Board Members Faris Masri, Alexandra Matias, Eleonora Filippone and Onica Lewis.

On a bitter-sweet note, and after 12 wonderful years of passion for the work we do, hard work, dedication and friendship not only to all of us on the Board but to the families and children we help as well, we see Samir Zaher retire from the Board of Directors. This is not good-bye as he has conveyed, he will always support us as much as his busy life allows.

We work closely with the Social & Settlement workers in schools in order to receive referrals to our programs. These referrals are families/children who are exceptionally limited in their resources and suffering from food and financial insecurity. In other words, no matter how one dissects political correctness, they are hungry and underserved, needing help.

I believe in co-operation and unity is strength. I have attended (and will continue to attend) information sessions I feel will strengthen our visibility in the community, as well to potentially identify collaborative efforts with like-minded people and organizations in order to maximize our Program's reach.

According to a recent Survey, commissioned by Mississauga Foundation, 56,267 people used the food bank in 2023-2024. That is 1 in 3 Mississaugans or 8% of our population. Twenty-eight percent of those numbers were children!

From June 2023 to May 2024 Food Banks Mississauga and its agency network served 58% more people than the previous year – 200% more than pre-pandemic times. Although this is highly disturbing, those numbers do not include the work other agencies not registered as Food Banks Mississauga's agencies do, such as B.W.S.F. Those numbers will, no doubt, increase considerably.

We've entered a new world where changes often times are difficult to keep up with however, I do believe with the wisdom and experience of our more seasoned Board Members and the freshness and proficiency of our new Board Members we will forge ahead in successful and meaningful ways.

Let's do this!

*Maria de Fátima Esteves
Founder & President*

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VP Report

With the generosity of our partners in the community, sponsors, donors and supporters alongside our volunteers we have been a portal of hope to families with food insecurities in 2024.

Our President's relationship with our major donors continues to secure donations to fund our existing programs along with the expansion to additional schools for our "A Snack at a Time" program.

As we look forward to 2025 and the increasing food insecurities in our communities, our programs are needed more now than ever before. Having a new and updated website has allowed us to highlight our accomplishments and to bring recognition to the great work we do in our community.

We continue to explore Grant and Funding opportunities to help us expand our programs to reach more families in need.

Here we are again planning our way forward.

One Smile at a Time

Teresa DeLuca