



TCDSB'S UNSUNG HEROES



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Rosanna Battista, Child and Youth Worker, St. Angela Catholic School



For over 35 years, Ms. Battista has devotedly fulfilled her role as a Child & Youth Worker within the TCDSB and has spent the majority of her time within the ISP Behaviour Classroom. Ms. Battista has touched the lives of many students and colleagues and has truly inspired many people with her passion and empathy for our most vulnerable students. A Mentor to both adults and children, she is always willing to help and contribute, and goes above and beyond to make every day special for all the students at St. Angela. Her classroom door is always open to students who need support or need to talk and is always ready with a therapeutic strategy to help students of all ages get on track. Throughout all of her dedicated years working for the TCDSB, Ms. Battista has encouraged, inspired and supported her colleagues, and is always available to lend a listening ear and offer encouraging words. Ms. Battista is a bright and shining star who demonstrates patience, collaboration, empathy and support to everyone in the St. Angela school

community. Thank you for your extraordinary dedication to your students and colleagues – we are tremendously proud of you!

Paula Furtado, Lunchtime Supervisor, St. Anthony Catholic School



Every day, Ms. Furtado arrives at St. Anthony with a positive attitude, ready to make a difference in the lives of students and colleagues alike. As soon as she steps into the school, she greets students with her warm and infectious smile, making them feel loved and welcomed. Her gentle demeanour and caring nature create a nurturing atmosphere of trust and safety, allowing the students to feel comfortable approaching her with their problems. Ms. Furtado graciously ensures that all students have access to a variety of nutritious snacks through the snack program, and even accommodates those who have dietary restrictions. In addition to her nurturing personality, Ms. Furtado is also a wonderful role model for students and embodies our shared Catholic values of

respect, kindness and empathy. She truly sets a great example for students and colleagues to follow, and her influence on their development cannot be overstated. In short, Ms. Furtado is an outstanding Lunchtime Supervisor, whose kind, nurturing and loving personality makes her a cherished and irreplaceable member of the St. Anthony learning community. Let us all celebrate Ms. Furtado for the wonderful person she is and the tremendous work she does!

Cherie-Ann Fernandes, Head Secretary, Francis Libermann Catholic High School



It is time to celebrate the incredible work of the Head Secretary, Ms. Fernandes! As an integral part of the Francis Libermann learning community, her passion for her work is truly inspiring, and she approaches each day with the same level of unwavering enthusiasm and dedication. Whether it's answering phone calls, greeting students and families, or managing the day-to-day operations at her school, Ms. Fernandes does it all with a smile on her face and a genuine interest in making sure that everyone feels welcome. She is always ready to lend a listening ear to anyone who needs it, and she takes the time to get to know each and every member of the Francis Libermann community on a personal level. She is always looking for ways to help others and truly personifies our shared Catholic Values of kindness, love and compassion. Thank you, Ms. Fernandes, for your remarkable dedication and for being an inspiration to us all!

Kate Akhidenor, Selemun Birhane, Donna Curtosi, Adrian De Sousa, Lourdes Herrera, Jacqueline Salinas del Rio, Vanessa Watkins, Carmela Zito and Lorie Ragusa
Intensive Support Program Support Staff, Dante Alighieri Academy



As a team of exceptional ISP Support Staff, each one of you demonstrates a level of dedication, effort and commitment that is truly remarkable, and we are in awe of the impact that every single one of you has on the lives of your remarkable students. Your daily efforts to support the achievement and well-being of your students do not go unnoticed. You go above and beyond to ensure that every student feels valued, supported and empowered. You listen to their concerns, work with them to identify goals, and provide the guidance and resources necessary to help them succeed. Your collaborative efforts are a testament to your commitment to your students, and exemplify the second year of our Pastoral Plan, *Walking with Christ with Hearts of Kindness and Love*, and the results speak for themselves. Each and every one of you has contributed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters growth, learning and success. Your work is not easy, and it can often be challenging, but despite these difficulties, you

continue to show up every day with a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of your students at Dante Alighieri. On behalf of all those whose lives you have touched, we want to thank you for your resolute commitment, your tireless efforts, and your extraordinary dedication. Your work is truly inspiring, and we are proud to know that there are people like you out there, making the world a better place, one student at a time. Congratulations on your amazing achievements, and thank you for being such a remarkable representation of the TCDSB.

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