



# Newsletter 2008 Campaign

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## Our FOURTH Year

This year *Packsac Smiles* supported **113** children in our community with packsacs filled with back to school clothing and school supplies.

Children attended schools in North Bay, Callander, **Corbeil and Powassan**. A total of 27 schools from the Catholic and Public school boards were invited to participate in choosing children for our program.

15 packs in 2005  
46 packs in 2006  
86 packs in 2007  
**113** packs in 2008

Each packsac contains the following:

1 lunch bag  
1 book  
1 pair pants  
2 tops  
socks/underwear  
1 pair running shoes  
School supplies

*\*\*In addition, this year a healthy snack and dental care products were included.*

*Packsac Smiles* is a local Registered Charity.

Our goal is to provide children in need with the essentials for school to help increase self esteem and create a positive attitude towards returning to school. The children are identified through our local schools by principals and teachers. We do our best to ensure that ALL eligible children in a family are

**A back to school program supporting children in your community.**



### **Many ways to help**

- Donate funds
- Sponsor a child for \$130
- Volunteer your time
- Shop for a child
- Have a fun day at your office to raise funds

Contact **Darlene Tripp** at 492-4747 for more information.

## A very sincere thank you to our volunteers

*90 volunteers*

- *For being a very punctual and eager group of volunteers*
  - *For inviting friends to come and help out*
- *For asking fabulous questions about our organization*
- *For spreading the word, making phone calls*
  - *For generously giving of time*

# Thank you to our 2008 Contributors

Sept 1 2007 to Sept 1 2008



## Moments to remember

Hugs from the children to our  
delivery volunteers

Children waiting at the window and  
immediately opening their packs to  
check them out. One child in  
particular being excited about  
receiving new socks.

### Paying it forward:

One mom promising to  
“pay it forward “ with a  
contribution to Packsac  
Smiles once they are more  
financially stable.

*Many volunteers recognizing  
the need for this program.*

*Thank you for your  
patience, understanding  
and compassion.*

## Board Members/Positions

Chairperson	<i>Darlene Tripp</i>	Vice-Chairperson	<i>Sandra Rozicki</i>
Secretary	<i>Pat Williams</i>	Treasurer	<i>Nancy Birtch</i>
School Liaison	<i>Tarian Shortt</i>	Data Manager	<i>Gloria Barbetta</i>

Thanks for the smiles!

**MCTV News, Bay Today, & CKAT Radio:** Fabulous job in supporting our organization . Special thanks to Greg Estabrooks and Kate Adams.

**Mindoka Technology Corporation:** Thank you for a great location to hold our monthly board meetings.

**Nipissing District Catholic and Near North District School Boards:** Thank you for doing a fabulous job of choosing our children that will benefit from our program.

**TD Canada Trust:** We appreciate your ongoing support through volunteers, spreading the word and fundraising activities.

**Creative Learning:** Fantastic job in selecting our numerous books to be provided to children this year

**Northgate Shopping Centre:** We so appreciated the fabulous location to be able to store our inventory and organize our volunteer activities.

### **Donations in kind:**

*Oshell*

*Sears*

*Carte Blanche*

*Crime Stoppers*

*Home Hardware, Algonquin Ave*

*Home Hardware in Powassan*

*Shopper's Drug on Cassells St*

*Callander Foodland*

*Home Depot*

*Callander Bay and Lakeshore Dental*

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A special thank you from some  
of our children.

Impacting self esteem and encouraging a positive  
attitude to return to school.

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## Our 2009 Campaign

### Watch for us!

We will be calling  
or visiting you  
soon to start our  
2009 campaign.

### We need volunteers

We utilize a large number of  
volunteers each year. There are a  
variety of tasks that you can  
participate in.

You can shop, pack or deliver  
packsacs for children.

Please call **492-4747** if you are  
interested in participating.

*Our volunteers this  
year told us that they  
learned 'that it is all  
about the kids!'*

*They also told us that  
our program is so re-  
warding that it is like  
Christmas giving to  
see the kids 'so tickled  
pink!'*



