

A back to school program supporting children in our community.

#### It is important to us to:

- respect and ensure the confidentiality of all the children and their families
- focus on helping children and not why their need exists
- provide quality goods
- spend as little money as possible on administration
- ensure that the school teachers and Principals identify children based on their observations
- recruit volunteers for various tasks







# P.S. We Care Newsletter 2015 Campaign

#### Message from the Chair:

**Packsac Smiles Organization** continues to grow, develop and maintain a large volunteer base each year. In 2015, our 11th year, we took an exciting leap with social media to find new ways to communicate with our community and volunteers. In addition to our existing website, as of the summer of 2015, we have entered the world of Facebook and Twitter.

We are amazed at how quickly our Facebook Page has grown with followers and how easily we have been able to spread our message. We post pictures of our volunteer events, volunteer dates, requests for volunteers and campaign updates. Thank you to everyone who shares our passion to help children in our community and to those who follow us on social media.

We encourage you to join us on the following sites and stay up to date on our activities throughout the year:

Website: www. packsacsmiles.com
Facebook: Packsac Smiles Organization

Twitter: **@packsacsmiles** 

#### **Changes this year**

This year I want to thank two special volunteers that have been members of our Board of Directors for many years. They are both stepping down but we are very fortunate they will remain part of our incredible volunteer base. Sandra Rozicki is one of the original founding members of the organization and has been an integral part of our board over the past 11 years. She has filled many different roles that have been key to our success, including Vice Chair. Her passion for the children we support, making literacy an integral part of our program and her drive for fundraising



efforts each year will be missed but not forgotten. <u>Linda Wilkinson</u> has been a member of our board for eight years. She helped to create the role of Volunteer Coordinator, evolving it into the role that it is today. Her warm and caring nature was key to her success and helped us grow our volunteer base to the over 150 volunteers we have today. Her ability to fundraise and ask for donations in kind are just two of many leadership qualities she has brought to our team.

We have added three new board members this year and we welcome Nancy McIntyre-Daly, Carol Nichols-Tremblay and Valentina Furlan-Nadeau to our team!

Thank you to everyone involved in 2015 helping us deliver smiles to the children of our community!

# **OUR 2015 CONTRIBUTORS**

#### **Individual Donors**

- John & Barb Alexander
- Lise Amyotte
- John & Daphne Andrews
- Barbara Bain
- Gabrielle & Ron Bascombe
- Bev Beaudette
- Glenda Beilhartz
- Barbara Biederman-Bukowski
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- Diane Brereton
- Doris Rae & William Brownlee
- Barbara Brunette
- Marilyn & David Buchanan
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- Barbara and Clifford Moulder
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- Nancy Pilon
- Anne Quast
- Eleanor Rennick
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- Alfredo Ricciutti
- Olive Ridler
- Lynn Sharkey
- Sue Steele
- Jane Stockfish-Irwin
- Vicky Sutherland
- Diane Szewczyk
- Laurie and Randy Tench
- Pat Thomson
- Debbie Tibbles
- Jack & Julie Tipler
- Eva Wardlaw
- Pat & Alan Williams
- Marie Wiltsey

# **Service and Community Group Donors** •

- Beta Sigma Phi
- Bonfield & District Lions Club
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Catholic Women's League
- Club Richelieu North Bay
- Community Living Respite Services
- IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter
- Ferris Lions' Club
- Fidelis Chapter #99 OES
- Friend of the Callander Library
- Golden Sunshine Club
- Living Fit Foundation
- Near North Quilters Guild
- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- North Bay Elks Lodge #25
- North Bay Lions Club
- North Bay Police Association
- Stockfish Family Foundation
- Trinity United Church
- United Way of Sudbury and Nipissing District

### **Donations in Kind**

- Dr. Rod Johnston
- Dr. D. Karim
- Creative Learning
- Callander Bay Dental
- Christian Fortin
- Crime Stoppers
- Gateway Home Hardware
- West Ferris Day Nursery

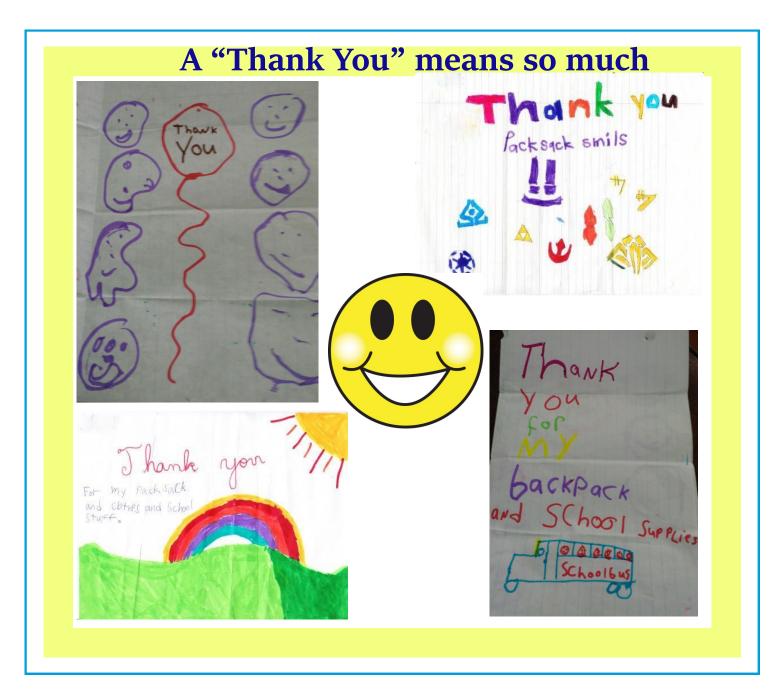
## **Corporate & Business Donors**

- Allstate Insurance Co.
- Assante Wealth Managment
- Atlas Copco
- Comsatec Inc
- Dance X Team—Dance Expressions de Danse
- EW Norman Public School Staff
- Insurance Institute Ontario
- J. Rod Johnston Dentistry
- Knox Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- Kennedy Insurance
- KPMG LLP
- LIUNA Local 493
- Mike Johnson Insurance Services Limited
- Parkers Your Independent Grocer
- Performance Auto & Tire Services
- Promus North Bay
- Quality Hardwoods
- RBC
- Rebuilt Resources
- Sunset Park Public School Staff
- Symetrics
- TD Bank Group
- Thomson Team
- Wilkinson Pharmacy



We are so very grateful to all of our supporters and volunteers!!

Thank you for helping us to create smiles on the children
in our community year after year.



# The Personalized Back to School Backpack



e take pride in the completion of our backpacks and honouring the specific likes of each child! This includes favourite colour, characters, age, and gender of the child.

### Each backpack includes:

- sturdy pants
- long-sleeved shirt
- short-sleeved shirt
- running shoes
- socks
- underwear

- lunch bag
- book
- school supplies
- snacks
- dental hygiene items
- School is Cool postcard



Back Row, Left to Right: Nancy McIntyre-Daly, Director; Kelly Ryan, Director; Carol Nichols-Tremblay, Director

2nd From Back, Left to Right: Sandra Rozicki, Director; Carole Kerrigan,

Director; Whitney Plamondon, Secretary

2nd From Front, Left to Right: Tarian Shortt, School Liason; Louise Gauthier,

Volunteer Coordinator; Kelli Couroux, Inventory & Delivery;

Valentina Furlan-Nadeau, Treasurer

Front Row. Left to Right: Linda Wilkinson, Director; Darlene Tripp, Chair;

Margaret Thomson, Director; Nancy Birtch, Vice Chair

# IS AS EASY AS



- Donate funds
- Sponsor a child for \$150
- Volunteer your time
- Shop for a child
- Have a fun day at your office to raise funds

For more information please contact us at info@packsacsmiles.com or P.O. Box 893
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705-492-4747
Visit our website



#### **HELP US PACK A SMILE!**

We would like to present a challenge for our 2016 Campaign Year.

We are sending this out to our schools, offices, shops, and businesses to help make a difference.

Have a jean day, a change jar, a bake sale, a swear jar, a barbecue.....the ideas are endless!

Challenge your neighbours and work collectively as a group to raise some funds, and help our children feel confident and positive about their new year at school!

\$150.00 = One Backpack filled with first day excitement = One Big Smile!

Help put that smile on a child's face!

We welcome any opportunity to share our story with your workplace or organization.





A special Thank You to Christian Fortin and the owners of 191 Booth Road for providing our volunteer location for the last few years!