



**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

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2016 Campaign

Message from the Chair:

Having completed our 12th year of supporting children in the North Bay and Area and as I reflect over the events of the past year the one thing that stands out most to me is it that it has been a year of transition yet we hit record numbers of backpacks going out into our schools.

Our three new directors, Valentina Furlan-Nadeau, Nancy McIntyre-Daly and Carol Nichols-Tremblay each took active roles on the board.

Kelli Couroux has retired from the board after 10 years. Her organizational skills have been invaluable in bringing the program from individuals shopping for the contents of backpacks to having them delivered to the children before the first day of school.

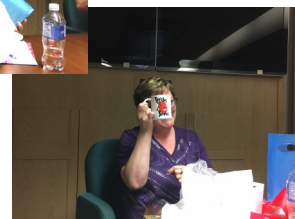
I know I have big shoes to fill in taking over the position of chairperson from Darlene Tripp. Darlene was instrumental in the creation of Packsac Smiles and has served our board for 12 years. She has led our organization from 4 members filling 13 backpacks to 12 board member and over 150 volunteers filling over 260 backpacks. Her leadership and dedication has allowed us to grow and mature as an organization. She continues to support us in her role as past chair.

We also welcome two new directors, Vicky Sutherland and Donna McTiernan, both have been dedicated volunteer shoppers with our program for many years and have now joined our leadership team.

Partnerships are an important part of our success, new partners this year include Staples, who helped with the backpacks, lunch boxes and pencil cases and Calvin Presbyterian church, who gave us space for the volunteer night. All that we do would not be possible without the volunteers and community support we receive.

A big thank you to all the board members! We have a great team.

Website: www.packsacsmiles.com
Facebook: [Packsac Smiles Organization](https://www.facebook.com/PacksacSmilesOrganization)
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Thanks for your years of service and dedication Kelli!

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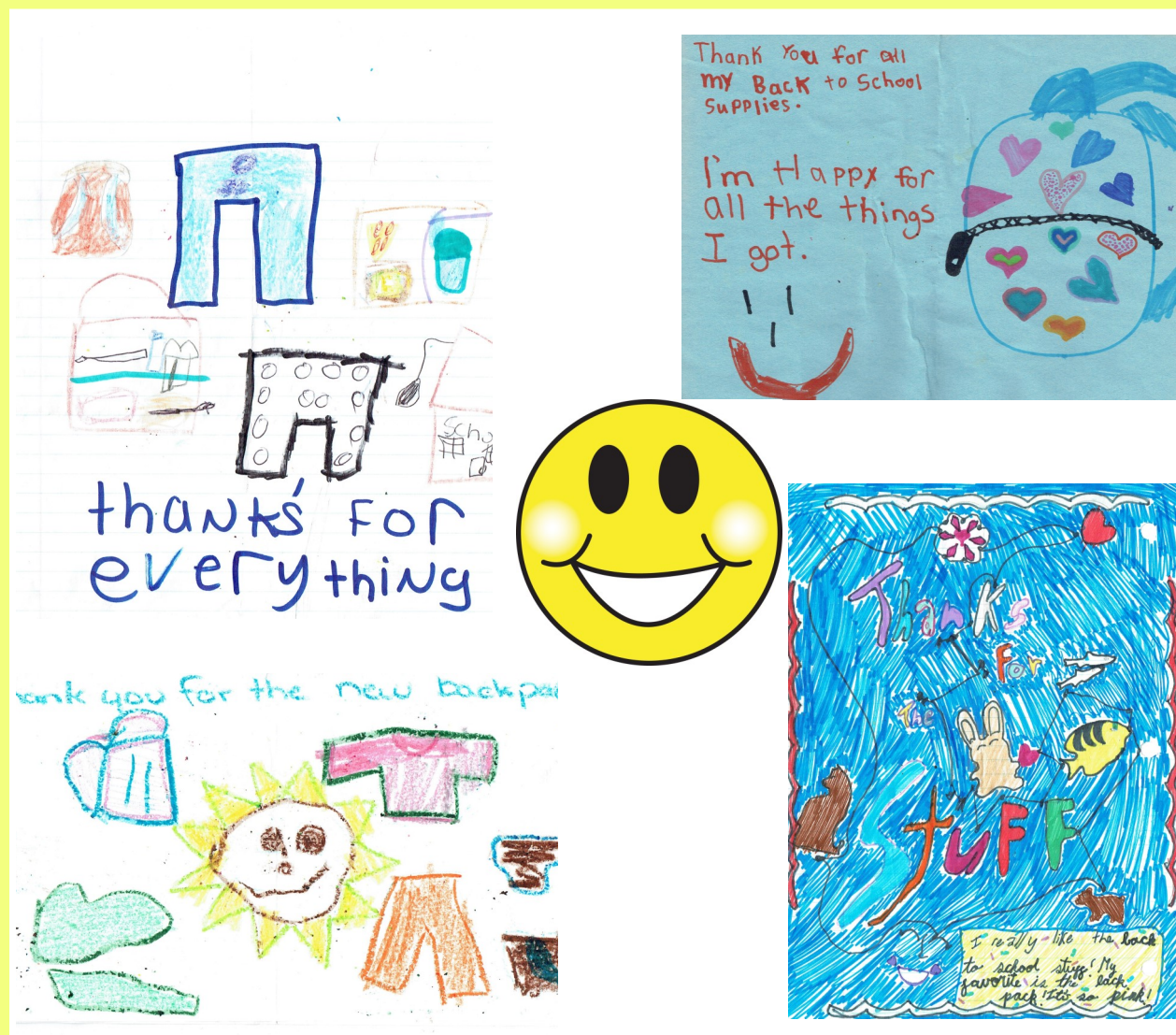
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Thank you for helping us to deliver smiles to the children of our community**



A "Thank You" means so much



The Personalized Back to School Backpack



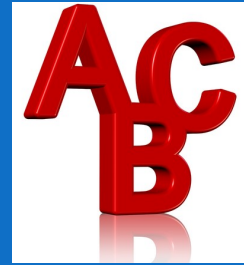
We take pride in honouring the specific likes of each child, tailoring to favourite colours, characters, age and gender of the child.

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



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

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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 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 his business partners
for providing our volunteer location for the last few years!**