



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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Packsac Smiles Organization

P.S. We Care Newsletter 2018 Campaign

Message from the Chair

We at Packsac Smiles Organization have just completed our 14th year of supporting families in the North Bay and Area. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and contributors, we were able to support our program in a number of unique and amazing ways throughout this campaign.

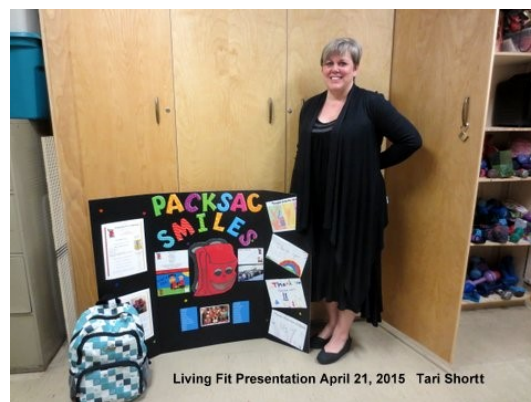
A generous contribution allowed for a January Glove Blitz and the opportunity to help children in our community in a new way. We purchased over two hundred pairs of gloves and spread these among our schools to be given to children without. It was a great thing our board members were fortunate enough to do and it was well received by the schools.



The generosity continued when I received an email from a colleague in Toronto, who had heard of our program and wanted to help. He was the chair of an organization called "Because We Care". This grass roots organization's mission is to offer a helping hand to children in need, so similar to our mission. They provide Nibbles & Giggles Care Meals. With their support we were able to provide one of their Snack Pack in each of our backpacks this year.

Finally, with the amazing support of Staples, Skaters North and Active Running we were able to purchase almost half of the backpacks necessary and a good number of quality shoes for our older children. Our program is growing and thriving because we live in a community that thankfully sees value in Packsac Smiles and understands the importance of supporting our children.

We had to say good bye to long term board member, Tarian Shortt. Tari, as we all know her, served our board for over 12 years and has relocated from North Bay. As the school liaison, Tari would drop off the packages to the schools and collect them, ensuring we had enough applications to support the number of children needing our help. She prepared the shopping sheets for our volunteers and was very active in all of our events. She also enjoyed doing presentations to local community groups about our program.



Living Fit Presentation April 21, 2015 Tari Shortt

Tari will be missed and we wish her all the best.

Our program could not run without all the great volunteers who come out and support us; shoppers, quality checkers and deliverers. You all know who you are and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- North Bay Presbytery Development Fund
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**Our most heartfelt thank you all
of our volunteers and supporters.
Your generosity brought smiles to
244 children this year!**





The Personalized Back to School Backpack



We 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



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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

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HELP US PACK A SMILE!

We would like to present a challenge for our 2019 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.



Thank you to Because We Care for the great snackpacks!

Thank you!

IN SUPPORT OF NORTH BAYS PACKSAC SMILES
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SUPER FUN TRIVIA NIGHT

TUES
JAN 9/2018
DOORS 730PM

THE RAVEN AND REPUBLIC
246 1ST AVE W, NORTH BAY
NO ADMISSION | EXTRA PRIZES | SILENT AUCTION

WHAT IS PACKSAC SMILES?

Packsac smiles provides children with the essentials required for school, ensuring that this will assist in increasing the child's self-esteem as well as create a positive experience towards returning each year.

Volunteers sort and deliver backpacks to students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in North Bay and surrounding areas serving both the English Public and the Separate School Boards.

