



**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

## 2017 Campaign

### *Lucky year 13!*

With ever growing costs and our mandate to strive for quality items, we teamed up with great partners in 2017. Thank you to Staples North Bay and Skaters North Source for Sports who were able to get us incredible deals on backpacks, shoes, lunch bags and pencil cases. With the hard work of our board and volunteers, we were still able to match up and personalize these items for the children.

It was a great year of community initiatives with several groups donating to Packsac Smiles with funds raised by their own activities. We are so very grateful to have such a generous community that understands the impact that our program has on so many of our children.

We had a new location this year and would like to thank Paul and Alex of Oakdale Properties for donating the space and to Calvin Presbyterian Church for donating the space for our volunteer night.

With the help of our amazing volunteers, we delivered 248 backpacks filled with personalized clothing and supplies to children in North Bay and Area this past year.

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We said goodbye this year to two incredible board members.

Darlene Tripp, one of the founders of our organization, and Past Chair has decided it was time to step aside. Darlene has shown tremendous leadership during her tenure on the board allowing us to grow and develop as an organization.

We also said goodbye to Whitney Plamondon, who served on our board for 8 yrs. As our secretary for 5 years, Whitney's organization skills have been invaluable in developing our program and board to where we are today.



We wish them both the best and know they will enjoy the extra time with their families.

**Thank you both so very much for years of dedication!**

We have added one new board member this year. A dedicated volunteer for many

# OUR 2017 CONTRIBUTORS

## Individual Donors

- John & Barb Alexander
- John & Daphne Andrews
- Ella Avery
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## Service & Community Group Donors

- Bonfield & District Lions Club
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Canada Helps.org
- Catholic Women's League
- Club Richelieu North Bay
- Chippewa Raider Aid
- Cross Fit 705
- EW Norman Public School
- Ferris Lions' Club
- Friends of the Callander Library
- IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter
- Kiwanis Club of Nipissing
- Ladies Auxillary to the Davedi Club
- Lions Club of Powassan
- Living Fit Fundraising Committee
- Nipissing Rebekah Lodge # 152
- North Bay Elks Lodge #25
- North Bay Lions Bingo
- Powassan United Church Women
- Redeemer Lutheran Church Sunday School
- Retired Teachers of Ontario
- The Associated Canadian Travelers Council 1049
- The Stockfish Family Foundation
- Trinity United Church

## Community Grants

- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- North Bay Presbytery Development Fund
- United Way

## Donations in Kind

- Brenne Dental Health Center
- Callander Bay Dental
- Creative Learning
- Dr. Latour ; Lakeshore Dental
- Oakdale Properties
- Skaters Edge North Source for Sports
- Staples North Bay

## Corporate & Business Donors

- Allstate Insurance Co.
- Assante Wealth Management
- Brad Thompson & Associates
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- Knight Manufacturing Ltd.
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- Symetrics
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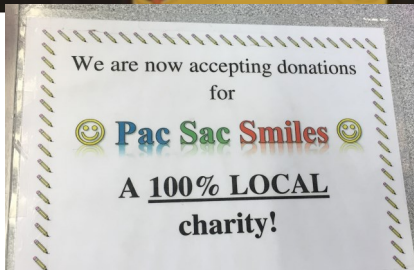
**We are so very grateful to all of our supporters and volunteers!!  
Thank you for helping us to create smiles on the children  
in our community year after year.**



Volunteer night



# Great Community Initiatives



## The Personalized Back to School Backpack



**W**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



#### OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairperson—Nancy Birtch

Treasurer —Valentina Furlan-Nadeau

Delivery —Nancy McIntyre-Daly

Volunteer Coordinator—Louise Gauthier

Director—Carole Kerrigan

Director —Vicky Sutherland

Vice-Chair—Kelly Ryan

Secretary —Donna McTiernan

Delivery —Carol Nichols-Tremblay

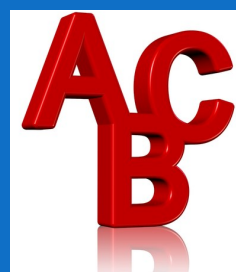
School Liason —Tarian Shortt

Director—Margaret Thomson

Director —Rebecca Johnson



HELPING  
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 2018 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  
STAPLES**



*In Memory of Long Time Volunteer Julie Tipler*