



**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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# P.S. We Care Newsletter

## 2019 Campaign

### *Message from the Chair*

As I sit back and reflect on not only the past year, but the past 15 years of supporting children in our community, the one emotion that comes to mind is pride.

Pride in our accomplishment of going from 13 backpacks for one school board to 260 backpacks in five school boards. Pride in maintaining around 250 backpacks every year since 2013.

Pride in the women who have served and are currently serving on our board of directors. Women like Darlene Tripp and Sandy Rozicki who were the two that had the vision. Pat Williams and Whitney Plamondon who both serviced many years as our Secretary. Linda Wilkinson, Kelly Couroux, Tarian Short who help build the foundation of our program.

Pride in the current board, who all have such a passion for our mission.

Pride in the volunteers who have faithfully shopped, checked and delivered the backpacks, we could not have done it without each of you.

I would like to congratulate Kelly Ryan on her recent election to Chair of the board and I look forward to supporting her and the board in the past chair role.

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This year, we say goodbye to 3 incredible Board Members.

Margaret Thomson was with us for 6 years and was invaluable as a school liaison and help with new partnerships within our community.

Vicky Sutherland was our go to member for grant applications, among her many other contributions.

Rebecca Johnson was a great asset with school contacts and her willingness to help where ever needed.



All three of these incredible ladies will be missed as part of our team.  
We are sure we haven't seen the last of them!

We welcomed 2 new Board Members, Michelle Walker-Brown and Chantal Chirgwin-Popp. Both of these ladies jumped in feet first and proved immensely helpful during their first campaign year. We look forward to continuing to work together.

# OUR 2019 CONTRIBUTORS

## Individual Donors

- John & Barb Alexander
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- Delta nu Master
- Ferris Lions Club
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- Ladies Auxillary of the Davedi Club
- Lions Club of North Bay
- Lions Club of Powassan
- Living Fit Fundraising Committee
- Nipissing Rebekah Lodge # 152
- North Bay Presbyterian Development Fund
- Powassan United Church Women
- Redpoll Foundation
- Trinity United Church
- Trinity United Church Women
- Trout Creek United Church Women

## Community Grants

- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- United Way Centraide North East Ontario



## Donations in Kind

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- Callander Bay Dental
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**Our most heartfelt thank you all of our volunteers and supporters.  
Your generosity brought smiles to 260 children this year!**

chef packSac,

Merci pour les packSac. on a beaucoup aimé les  
Sac à dos, boîte de dinner, espadrilles, et notre  
vêtement. On a eu tout des souris sur notre  
visage. Merci beaucoup pour les sac à dos,  
nos amies l'adore et il veut just comme  
nous. Notre vêtement est vraiment cool  
et notre espadrilles nous fait  
paîtrement et on tout aime beaucoup  
nos espadrilles. Merci beaucoup pour  
le packSac. vous est vraiment le meilleur.  
Merci et Au revoir. Les filles, beaucoup



## 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

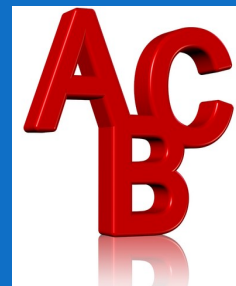




#### OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD –2020

Chairperson—Kelly Ryan	Past Chair —Nancy Birtch
Treasurer —Valentina Furlan-Nadeau	Secretary —Donna McTiernan
Delivery—Nancy McIntyre-Daly	Delivery —Carol Nichols-Tremblay
Volunteer Coordinator—Louise Gauthier	School Liaison—Michelle Walker-Brown
School Liaison — Chantal Chirgwin-Popp	Director— Carole Kerrigan

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 2020 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



Thank you!

