



**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

## 2021 Campaign

### *Message from the Chair*

Our 17th year! 2021 came in much like 2020 and we went through wave after wave of Coronavirus variants, closures and uncertainty.

For us, at Packsac Smiles, we were so optimistic with the schools open as we planned our year and dropped off applications. Then bam! Schools closed. The incredible support of the schools and our volunteer base still enabled us to deliver 161 backpacks. Although, it was well below our goal, we were thrilled to once again offer our support to children in need in our community. Once more, we also included masks in all of the children's bags.

Our shoppers once again went out and did an amazing job, our bag checkers worked in teams, in different time slots in order to maintain social distancing, and our delivery teams got the final bags to the children in our community safely.

We were also able to work around the winter closures for schools and donated about 350 pair of winter gloves to our schools to have on hand for children who needed them. Our board members handled this endeavour with shopping and delivery. Amazing team! We have decided to add onto our program and reached out for volunteer knitters to donate hats to go along with our glove program and have had overwhelming response, so we look forward to that in 2022.

Once again we are so grateful to the community in which we live. The support we receive from our donors and volunteers keeps us motivated to continue and grow our program in the years to come.

As we approach our 18th campaign year, we have a couple of changes on our Executive Board. I have decided to step into the past chair role and am thrilled to congratulate Donna McTiernan on her posting as Board Chair, and Carol Nichols-Tremblay in her role as Vice Chair. I would also like to congratulate incumbent Valentina Furlan-Nadeau as Treasurer and Lana Lytle as Secretary. With the rest of the incredible directors and the desire to work as a team, we are sure to have much success as an organization in the coming years.

If you are interested in volunteering with our organization, or perhaps interested in a future position on our board, please reach out to us at [packsac.volunteer@packsacsmiles.com](mailto:packsac.volunteer@packsacsmiles.com).

Kind Regards,

Kelly Ryan



# OUR 2021 CONTRIBUTORS

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- Mae McDonald ;  
In memory of David McDonald
- Joe Lynch; In honour of Patrick
- Nancy McIntyre Daly; In memory of Inez McIntyre
- Barbara Moulder;  
In memory of Kurt Neubig
- Margaret Thomson; In memory of Barbara Farrell and Mickey Bernier
- Michelle Walker-Brown ; In memory of Myrtle Young and Linda Brown (Matthys)
- Shirley Webster ; In memory of Harold and Gloria Laughlin

## Service & Community Group Donors

- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Catholic Women's League
- Michelle Deveau-Brock (family fundraiser)
- Kiwanis Club of Nipissing
- Lion's Club of Powassan
- Living Fit Fundraising Committee
- Nipissing Rebekah Lodge # 152
- North Bay Golden Age Club
- North Bay Lions Club
- Rotary Club of Nipissing
- Third Age Nipissing
- Trinity United Church
- Trinity United Church Women

## Community Grants

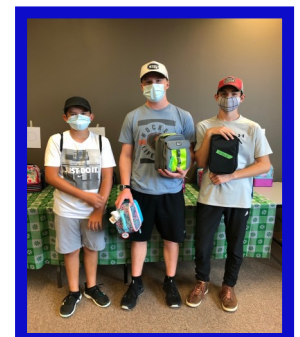
- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- United Way Centraide North East Ontario

## Donations in Kind

- Dr. Brenne
- Callander Bay Dental
- Creative Learning
- Crime Stoppers
- Gateway Home Hardware
- Dr. Karim
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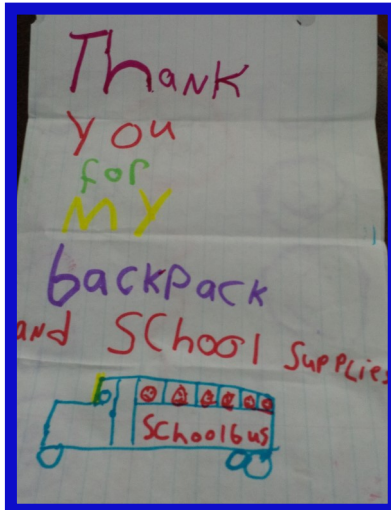
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**Our most heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters.**





Dear Pack Sack We would like to thank you very much for the School Bag all the nice clothes, shoes and Books. Also we really like reading the Books we are looking forward to wearing our new clothes on the first day of school.

The new Schoolbags are great so we can carry our lunch box, homework in and our we like to thank you once again for the great gifts.



## 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:

- 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-2022

Chairperson - Donna McTiernan	Past-Chair - Kelly Ryan
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Secretary - Lana Lyttle	Volunteer Coordinator-Louise Gauthier
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Delivery-Nancy McIntyre-Daly	Delivery-Madison Raddatz
Community Liaison -Carole Kerrigan	Media -Lynda Smits

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- 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**

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### HELP US PACK A SMILE!

We would like to present a challenge for our 2022 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!**

