



**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

2022 Campaign

Message from the Chair

We have just completed our 18th year, and like the 17 before, we could not have made it through without the help of our Community Partners, our dedicated group of Volunteers, and the amazing group that makes up our Board of Directors.

The last couple of years were a challenge, and although we pushed through and had success, we still fell short of our target numbers. Well, 2022 made up for that. With our largest number to date, we were able to deliver 302 backpacks!

Another accomplishment this year, we were able to deliver bags to the area schools with winter gloves, winter hats and water bottles. A special thank you to the North Bay Battalion, Jeff & Tanis' No Frills and all the volunteers who donated their time and materials, knitting us hats.

It is hard to find the words to describe how fortunate we are to be part of the Community in which we live. I see it every day, every time there is a call out for support, the community comes through in some way and it is no different for Packsac Smiles Organization. Whether we are looking for shoppers, people to deliver, items to put in our backpacks or even the backpack itself, we are overwhelmed with the response; to donate, provide a deal or help out in some way. It does not seem like enough, but THANK YOU, just know that every contribution helps us bring those SMILES.



OUR 2022 CONTRIBUTORS

Individual Donors

- John & Barb Alexander
- John & Daphne Andrews
- Ella Avery
- Ron & Gabrielle Bascombe
- Edith Benoit
- Beverley Berg
- Nancy Birtch
- Julie Blair
- David and Marilyn Buchanan
- Barbara Castrilli
- Marion Colquhoun
- Claudette Depencier
- Shawn Fetterly
- Karlee Frederick
- Tracy Frederick
- Craig Hall
- Joan Hartnett
- Kevin Hawton
- Lynda Herst
- Mariann Hibbard
- William & Janie Holmes
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- Scott Kerrigan
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- Debbie Sloss
- Therese Solange Brown
- Micheline St. Onge
- George and Lynn Stockfish
- Dorine Stevens
- Diane Szewczyk

- Geneva Thompson
- Natalie Thomson
- Margaret Thomson
- Ryan Tibbles
- Debbie Tibbles
- Michelle Walker-Brown; In honour of Rachel and Michael Brown
- Shirley Webster
- Linda Wilkinson
- Pat & Alan Williams

In Memoriam

- Helga Lorek; In memory of Bob Lorek
- Mae MacDonald; In memory of David MacDonald and Julie Tiplar
- Linda Wilkinson; In memory of Marjorie Martin and Betty Park
- Michelle Walker-Brown; In memory of Jonathan Brown

Service & Community Group Donors

- Bonfield & District Lions Club
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Club Richelieu
- Ferris Lions Club
- Kiwanis Club of Nipissing
- Ladies Auxillary of the Davedi Club
- Lions Club of North Bay
- Lions Club of Powassan
- Nipissing Rebeka Lodge #152
- North Bay Elks Lodge #25
- Powassan United Church Women
- Trinity United Church
- Trinity United Church Women
- Trout Creek United Church Women

Community Partners

- Creative Learning
- Mountain Warehouse
- Pam Durocher-Tupperware
- Skaters North Source for Sports
- Staples Canada
- Staples North Bay

Donations in Kind

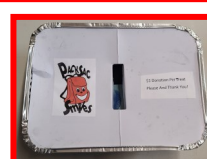
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Crime Stoppers
- Gateway Home Hardware
- GSA Computers - Ron Devries
- Dr. Karim
- Lakeshore Dental Care
- Northgate Mall-Morguard Retail Leasing
- Parkers Your Independent Grocer

Corporate & Business Donors

- Employees of Mincon Canada
- Jeff and Tanis No Frills
- Knight Piesold Ltd
- KPMG-Partners and Staff
- LIUNA Local 493
- Nipissing Propane and Appliances
- Parkers Your Independent Grocer
- Quality Hardwoods
- Rebuilt Resources
- Symetrics
- Ted Thomson Management Inc.
- Total Cleaning and Restoration

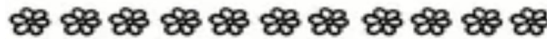
Community Grants

- North Bay and Area Community Foundation
- United Way



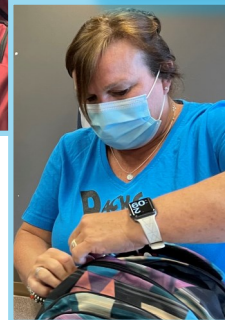
Our most heartfelt thank you to our community partners

Sadly, we lost one of our board members. Lynda Smits passed away December 18, 2022. Although Lynda just joined our board in 2020, she volunteered with our organization for many years. Lynda was well known in our community, as a teacher with the Near North District School Board before her retirement and through the many organizations she gave her time to. Whenever we needed to put the call out for help, the response to Lynda's posts always provided us with the most helpers. Even before she was a board member, she went above and beyond. We are so thankful that she recruited her children to help out with her, we look forward to keeping in touch with them throughout the years and sharing our memories of Lynda. Her contributions and her infectious smile will be missed.



A special thank you to those who made donations in Lynda's honor.

Robert Drescher	Barbara Barclay
Cara Collins	Greg Collins
Taylor Davis	Mariann Hibbard
Jennie Humber	Carolle Humphrey
Melanie Jaskula	Carole Kerrigan
Diane Laferriere	Suzanne LeBeau
Michael Lowe	Julie Mallory
Kathryn McLenaghan	Terri and David McQuaig
Henrica Mekers	Alanna Milligan
John Moon	Jodie Nychuk
Tylor Smits	Megan St-Aubin
Amy Steele	Heli Vail
Michelle Walker-Brown	Jessica Willemssen
Miriam Wygergangs	Jozette Wygergangs
Janette Wygergangs	District 43 Retired Teachers of Ontario



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:

- pants
- long sleeved shirt
- short sleeved shirt
- running shoes
- socks
- underwear
- lunch bag
- book
- school supplies
- snacks
- dental hygiene items
- school is cool postcard

"The backpack is incredible. Thank you so much for taking the time to pick out things of such quality, and for including some brand names when we wouldn't otherwise be able to get those kind of things for our son."



OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD-2022

Chairperson - Donna McTiernan

Vice-Chair - Carol Nichols-Tremblay

Secretary - Lana Lyttle

School Liaison- Michelle Walker-Brown

Delivery-Nancy McIntyre-Daly

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Volunteer Coordinator-Louise Gauthier

School Liaison-Chantal Chirgwin-Popp

Data Management-Madison Raddatz

Media -Lynda Smits

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- Donate funds
- Sponsor a child for \$175
- 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 2023 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!

\$175.00 = 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!

