

August 15, 2025

Dear Friend,

Another successful **BackPack Project** is complete for another year. We are very pleased that 194 students will go back to school in style and with a backpack, lunch kit and a water bottle.

The Shelburne Food Bank registered the students and the Rotary Club of Shelburne purchased age appropriate items for each grade level with the generous donations received.

A sincere thank you goes out to **John and Meagan Lewdandowski**, **Tim Horton's Smile Cookie** campaign and a **Town of Shelburne** grant for funding a significant portion of the project. **Len Guchardi, Joan Wallace, Doreen Riffin, Jeannette French, Deb Thompson, Janet Shaw and Shelburne Soccer Club** as well as many **friends and family of Shelburne Rotary** for their generous donations.

Penny Normington is an avid sewer and once again was challenged with making enough pencil cases in fun fabrics for all the backpacks. This is a huge task and the students love them. Thank you, Penny!!!

On July 31st Rotary packed the backpacks and delivered them to the food bank so they can be distributed to the registered students in time for the first day of school in September.

It warms my heart to see how this project has grown, improved and become a program that the entire community, and beyond, has embraced. Together we have given our local students a helping hand with the necessities of back to school.

Sincerely,



Bobbi Ferguson
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