



Adopt a Grandparent Success: A Big Thank You To The Community For All The Support

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Community Care Northumberland (CCN) would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for the tremendous support towards their piloted Christmas program called, "Adopt a Grandparent".

The "Adopt a Grandparent" program matched some of their isolated clients in the Municipality of Trent Hills with members of the community who wished to donate a 'Christmas Cheer' package to them. The goal was to match 20 "grandparents" with gift donors this year, and this goal was exceeded with a total of 52 Grandparents adopted.

"The support locally from individual donors was incredible," said Natisha Taylor – CCN's Program Coordinator in Trent Hills. "There were also two schools involved; St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School (Grade 5/6 class taught by Amanda Roy) and Hillcrest Public School (Grade 4 class taught by Lori Gummer). Two local businesses also had staff make combined contributions; Campbellford branch of BMO, and a small local business who all participated in this year's initiative."

"There were lots of smiles, surprised looks, appreciative comments, many hugs and happy tears when the Christmas cheer packages were delivered to the grandparents," Taylor added. "We received so much positive feedback from them too."

Grandparent Feedback

"I am so appreciative that each and every child took the time to do something special for me, the thought they put into looking up things that mattered to me was the greatest gift of all!"

"I wasn't expecting anything for Christmas and this was such a wonderful surprise."

One 'Grandparent' said the day that she received the basket, after tears of joy were in her eyes that she wanted to wait until Christmas Day to open because it would be the only present she would have. When contacted recently she said ***"I did wait. I got up on Christmas morning and opened everything up. Everything was so fantastic. I got a nice blanket that I use every day and lots of wonderful, useful things."*** She said her favourite gift was a picture of a butterfly that had the words HOPE on it, and it meant so much to her.

"I received warm socks and lots of great things. I really enjoyed all of it."

"Wonderful surprise when you are alone at Christmas."

"Hearty thanks for all the gifts; biggest gift was the painting (this was a large picture of a Christmas drawn by a 6 year old). I was never so shocked and never so pleased! It meant so much to an old man."

Photo Attached of CCN Staff organizing deliveries:



Seated (L-R): Linda Ryan, Kaylee McIlmoyle, Linda Logan. **Standing (L-R):** Natisha Taylor, Robin Murphy, Laurie Matiyek, Sarah Higgins.

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