

Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute



The Palgrave Rotary Club teamed up with their fellow Rotarians in Etobicoke to collect hockey equipment to be sent to young players at John C. Yesno School in Fort Hope, about three and a half hours northeast of Thunder Bay and which is only accessible by plane. This is to benefit First Nations students living there. The Etobicoke club had already sent one load up, and Rotarians gathered in Palgrave to sort through the second batch. There was enough equipment to fill 50 large hockey bags. Caledon rep hockey players Alex Morris, Jack Morris and Jackson Zingaro hefted the bags, surrounded by Carolyn Morris of Caledon Rep Hockey, Palgrave Rotarian Bernie Rochon and Etobicoke Rotarian Gerald Lue. Photo by Bill Rea

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In January, our club was approached to help with donating and shipping used hockey equipment to First Nations Youth in Northern Ontario.

The simple ask was responded to in spades by Rotary, the community and our local hockey families.

There was a lot of hard work and effort that went into gathering the substantial amount of hockey equipment for the First Nations Youth. Between what our club and community gathered, as well as the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, there was enough to send to more schools than just the original school John C. Yesno. Below is an email the Club received from the Principal Aaron Hobbs of Miigwanan Secondary School in Longlac, Ontario.

?Just a brief email to let you know that the hockey equipment has arrived and it looks fantastic. The students saw it being dropped off and are ecstatic about getting to use it. Thank you so much for all your help with getting us this hockey equipment. It will have an impact on our students and community that will last many years to come.?

This is just one example of the power of Rotary and how we can make a difference. Let's keep making it happen!

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