

Rotary collecting hockey equipment

The Rotary Club of Palgrave is joining forces with Rotarians in Etobicoke to collect gently used hockey equipment to send to First Nations young people in remote northern Ontario communities.

The clubs were involved in this collection last year, and they were able to send equipment to two schools in northern Ontario. Rotarian Susan Hicks said last year's efforts were very successful, and they're hoping for better things this year.

She reported she has arranged with the Caledon Community Complex to accept drop-offs at the Customer Service office, which is on the left as people walk in. This means there are two drop-off locations. The other is at the barn of Rotarian Bernie Rochon at 17350 Highway 50 (use sliding door entrance). Items can be dropped off until Dec. 15.

Hicks said there were eight pallets of equipment sent north last year to two schools. The target this year is at least five schools which are part of the Ring of Fire. The Ring consists of 17 schools in northern Ontario that are off-grid and fly-in only.

"We have reached out to other local Rotary clubs that we are hoping will hold their own drive, and then we will pick it up, sort it, and then ship it up north," she said. "With Rotary working together, it should be a great success."

For more information, contact Hicks at 416-417-4479.