

St. Francis of Assisi's 60th Anniversary

North of 60 Project

As part of our Parish's 60th Anniversary Celebration we will be planning a series of small outreach projects focusing on HOPE and HEALTH. True North Aid is dedicated to serving and supporting northern Indigenous communities in Canada through practical humanitarian support. In partnership with True North, we will focus on one project at a time to help to improve the daily lives of our Northern neighbours.



Backpacks for Deer Lake

Deer Lake is an Oji-Cree speaking First Nation reserve located several hundred kilometres north of Thunder Bay. Prices for goods such as backpacks and school supplies are double, even triple, there. Backpacks for Deer Lake collects school supplies and backpacks for Indigenous students. See the back for more information about this, the first of our North of 60 projects.

The Health for Fort Hope project aims to assist members of Fort Hope First Nation with accessing health through orthotics, prosthetics and knowledge sharing based on the needs of the community. This is a pilot project of the Indigenous Medical Alliance.



Health for Fort Hope



Moon Time Sisters Ontario supports 9 different First Nation communities in northern Ontario, parts of Quebec, and the North West Territories by collecting menstrual items such as pads, tampons, menstrual cups, menstrual underwear, and cloth pads through donations made by colleges and universities, business, and the general public.

Backpacks For Deer Lake

Campaign runs July— Labour Day 2019

Deer Lake is an Oji-Cree speaking First Nation reserve located several hundred kilometres north of Thunder Bay. It is located on Treaty #5 territory of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

Prices for goods such as backpacks and school supplies are double, even triple, here. We do not have access to a variety of items here as well. We have one store on this reserve and when it comes to paying for food or school supplies, food wins out.

Our students deserve the best education possible. These students live in Ontario, but due to historical injustices they have been denied the right to a good education. The backpack may be a small gesture but it will make a huge significance in their way of learning and developing. With your help, our students will have agency towards their own education. They will have access to the same materials as a student in the south.

What Can I Do?

Donations of new backpacks and school supplies will be collected at the entrance of the church through the months of July and August until Labour Day. We are in need of small to large backpacks (15—17 inches) and school supplies such as note paper, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, pencil crayons, glue sticks, binders, duo tangs , even non-perishable snack items, etc. Be on the lookout for those back to school sales!

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You can also find out more about this project and other initiatives by visiting <https://www.truenorthaid.ca/backpacks-for-deer-lake.html>

