



Date: September 24th, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Council members
Re: The Back Pack Project Christmas Campaign

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you in hopes you will consider supporting my organisation once again, this fall and winter! We are asking all 13 Municipalities in the CRD, if they would consider having a donation box in the lobby of the Municipal Hall, to collect donations from members of your community for our Back pack project.

The Backpack Project is an annual local initiative, which provides mutual aid in the fall/winter months and backpacks full of necessities and comfort items on Christmas Day, to community members who are experiencing homelessness. We deliver the back packs and donated items to non-profit and outreach groups in each municipality as soon as we receive them. And they in turn deliver the donations directly to people, who live outside without a home. This will be our 16th year of operation!

By supporting us last year with a drop off location at the Municipal Hall, we collected donations that provided humanitarian aid, and filled hundreds of Backpacks, which assisted a huge population of people who were experiencing homelessness throughout The CRD. Your support helps bring hope and dignity to vulnerable people in our community, on Christmas day and throughout the year.

Last year all 13 Municipal Halls participated, and the response of YOUR communities was amazing!

We would like to know if we could count on you once again, to provide us a space in the front lobby of the Municipal Hall for our donation box and poster. (Photos attached below)

If you could please consider this request, and respond ASAP or before the November 1st start date, we would appreciate it!

Starting Friday November 1st to Friday December 20th.

We would need a small space to put a cardboard box and a poster, for 7 weeks.

We would have volunteers collect donations from the boxes once a week, or as needed.

If you need any more information, or have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime. Thank you for your consideration, in supporting this community cause.

Sincerely, *Niki Ottosen
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THE BACKPACK PROJECT

A LOCAL INITIATIVE TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY



The Back Pack Project is once again accepting donations!

Backpack Project: Victoria BC is a local initiative, which provides backpacks full of necessities and comfort items on Christmas Day. And we support community members throughout the year, who are experiencing homelessness in the Greater Victoria Region.

We are looking for donations of toiletry items and ready to eat foods. As well as comfort items such as new or gently used blankets sleeping bags, hoodies and sweaters, warm socks, scarves, hats & gloves.

To view a complete list, and if you are looking for Donation Locations, please visit our Facebook page.

**People Helping People
Communities Helping Community Members!**

We are creating back packs full of necessities and comfort items, to give to people in our community who are experiencing homelessness this Christmas.

