

Community Matters

Donors help clothe children in need



Pictured from left to right: Emily Shandruk, Precious Bundles Board Member and Athena Kreiner, CEO of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation

Precious Bundles is an organization dedicated to providing clothing assistance to children in need within the community. In December 2022, the Precious Bundles Children's Clothing Assistance Program received a grant from the Thunder Bay Community Foundation's Community Fund for their "Refill the Shelves" project.

"The Thunder Bay Community Foundation Board and Staff would like to thank the many donors who have made this grant possible. Our donors care about our community and wish to help those in need, especially our youth. Precious Bundles is doing a great job helping to clothe the children in our community and our donors are happy to help them achieve this goal", says Athena Kreiner, CEO of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation.

The "Refill the Shelves" project focusses on the organization's greatest area of need, children ages 7-10. Precious Bundles relies on gently used clothing for 99% of their services, purchasing only the essentials such as socks and underwear. With this funding of \$5,000, they were able to fulfill every clothing bundle request they received.

"We requested funding from the Thunder Bay Community Foundation because there is a consistent and quickly growing demand for children's clothing among families facing various hardships. As the program gains recognition and trust within the community, the number of families seeking assistance increases. To ensure they can cater to the needs of as many children as possible, the program needs to continually replenish its inventory with sought-after clothing items. We often do not receive enough donations in the key sizes, mostly due to the fact that children wear out their items before they can be donated and passed on. We strive to ensure that we are giving out quality and durable items. Children grow quickly, and their clothing needs change frequently. The program strives to provide clothing that is durable and long-lasting. By offering quality clothing, the program ensures that children have access to clothing items that can withstand everyday wear and tear, providing them with a sense of comfort and confidence. These funds enable our program to regularly update their inventory, respond to the specific needs of the community, and ensure that every child in need has access to appropriate and quality items," says Emily Shandruk, Precious Bundles Board Member.

Each year, the Thunder Bay Community Foundation gives grants to local organizations for various programs that support various areas of need. This year, they will be accepting Grant Applications from September 5 - October 15, 2023. **For more information or to donate, visit their website at tbcf.org or call (807) 475-7279.**

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