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Back Pack Success

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Wow, have you all ever come through for a great cause! I did a story on 17 year old Jordyn Harrison about six weeks ago, he is the young man who has been collecting donated backpacks, filling them with gifts, and sending them to children in foster care. He started this incredible project when he was just 11 years old and in the last six years he has put together 4-thousand backpacks for children in need; an incredible accomplishment. Well Jordyn was about to close his charity because donations had dried up, he was running out of backpacks. After that story aired on CityNews, on CP24 and on Breakfast Television (thank you Kevin Frankish for mentioning this great cause) donations started pouring in. Jordyn now has thousands of backpacks that he can fill and send to children.

Here is a list of all the people who have helped turn this around:

- ACI Accessory Concepts Inc. 2000 bags
- KRG Children's Charities - 240 bags and more as needed
- Starlight Foundation - boxes of toys to go in the bags
- Norean Grant collected new bags in her area
- ING Toronto collected bags through employees
- CPBI Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute - 3 boxes of donations
- Toronto Blue Jays mailed a box of items
- Mrs. Ranalli sent bags of donations she purchased new herself
- Several people sent in personal donations - we won't name them without their permission
- Pepsi sent a box of items
- Screen Center Sales - 50 bags
- TD Canada Trust did an employee drive and shipped a few boxes of donations
- Marketing Resource Group - 400 cloth fashion backpacks
- Globus - 120 duffle bags
- Many friends and family picked up donations
- CityTV employees sent bags collected from employees
- Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd - 30 bags with toys and gifts with a promise of more donations to come

I have to end by saying that Jordyn is a remarkable person. He has spent hours on his charity because he truly cares about these children. Way to go Jordyn. He still needs toys for children and teens of all ages to put in the backpacks. If you would like to help, or just send words of encouragement, you can reach his charity at charity4fun@sympatico.ca

Thanks to everyone for helping.

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