



Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Lyn Smith, Executive Director of Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN).

For the past few years CPAN has run a snowsuit and footwear campaign called *Operation Snowsuit*, the goal of this campaign is to ensure that **every child** living in our community has **appropriate clothing and footwear for our severe Canadian winter**. We are starting the 2016 campaign as the weather is already turning cool and we want to be ready before the cold weather really hits. We are asking for your help to reach this goal.

Starting immediately your school will be **collecting new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN**. Please take this opportunity to check your closets and donate any snowsuits and/or boots that your child (or children) may have outgrown. **Please note:** These must be **clean and in good repair** as CPAN does not have facilities or the manpower to clean or repair these items. We are always very short of snow pants and larger snowsuits boots etc. (men's and ladies sizes) as our youth also enjoy being warm and dry. New items and/or cash donations are also very gratefully received. Monetary donations should be delivered to CPAN, **cheques made payable to CPAN with Operation Snowsuit in the memo**. Deliver or mail to CPAN, 130 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke ON K8A 5M8.

If you (or someone you know) are in need help please apply online at:

www.renfrewcountycpan.ca go to programs and Operation Snowsuit. If you have difficulties CPAN can be reached at 613-735-9579. We ask that you leave a brief message including your name, number and we will return your call ASAP.

Since this program started we have been able to keep hundreds of local children warm and dry, thanks to our generous community we have always been able to fill each and every request. **Last year we helped 411 local children and youth** (these included children who had not yet been born, up to 18 year olds). Any help that you can provide is gratefully appreciated, and I would like to thank you in advance for your time, and for any support you may give to this very worthy cause.

Yours truly,

Lyn Smith, Executive Director
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