

Joe will push shopping cart through region in national effort to end youth homelessness

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Donna Schell



Joe Roberts seen pushing his modified shopping cart in support of Push for Change. Photo supplied.

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Help end youth homelessness.

From May 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017, Joe Roberts is pushing a shopping cart 9,000 across Canada to raise awareness and funds to help end youth homelessness.

Roberts, a former heroin addict who turned his life around and is now the Executive Director of the national youth empowerment campaign, [Push for Change](#).

In Central Algoma, the North Channel Poverty Network (NCPN) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have partnered with Push for Change on a Food/ Toys/ Clothes Bank Drive that begins Nov. 28 and will run until Dec. 9.

Roberts will be at Central Algoma Secondary School Jan 26, 2017.

Roberts arrives at the Junction of Highway 17 East and Kensington Road in Desbarats at 1:45 pm where he'll be met by Grade 7/8 students who will walk with him into the school.

He will then address students at 2 pm.

The goal of the drive is to have non-perishable items, hygiene items, toys and clothes on hand to support local food banks for those families in need.

A member of the NCPN will pick up the collected items and deliver them to the three area Food Banks- St. Joseph Island and Area Food Bank, Thessalon Food Bank and Bruce Mines Food Bank on Dec. 14.

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For more on Push for Change, log onto thepushforchange.com

Seven locations within four communities in Central Algoma have been set up where items can be dropped off for those in need.

Thessalon: North Channel Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic Thurs. and Fri. 8:30- 4:30

Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Mon.-Fri. 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm

Thessalon Public School Mon.-Fri. 9 am to 3 pm

Richards Landing: Royal Canadian Legion Front entrance drop off Mon.- Fri. 9 am to noon and Mon.- Sat 4 pm to close.

Echo Bay: North Channel Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic Hwy 17B, Thurs.-Fri. 8:30-4:30

Bruce Mines: Tippy Canoe Galley Mon.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. 12 pm to 4pm

Iron Bridge: Municipality of Huron Shores Municipal Office (7 Bridge Street, Iron Bridge). Office hours are: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.