

# Push For Change making it's way to Kenora

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Beaver Brae and St. Thomas Aquinas girls hockey team members joined forces with the Ontario Provincial Police for a charity game benefitting Push for Change at the Kenora Rec Centre on Feb. 2.

Joe Roberts and his Push for Change Campaign will be in Kenora at the beginning of April. He says one of the things he's most looking forward to is meeting the Philanthro Bros, Seth and Caleb Marquis.

"I'm so looking forward to meeting those two young men. Those are the kinds of stories, and things that have happened on mass that blow us away. Those are the pieces that really fire us up, and kind of go "ok they're getting the message". Young people can change the world, they really can. So, when you see the Philanthro Bros and you see those kinds of global stewards stepping up, and supporting something they may not even see in their community, that tells us that they get it," he said.

During his stop in Kenora he will be partaking in a student engagement day. He talks about the message he hopes to get across.

"How easily homelessness can happen to them, or people around them. There is a tendency to think that doesn't impact us, but when I tell a personal story of a kid from a small town and here is how it happened, they will start to identify. That's big for them to understand what it is and what it isn't. Inside each in every one of us is an unlimited, untapped, possibility and potential. Sometimes we lose sight of that. My story is that story of redemption, the story of transformation, the story of what happens when you have good champions and people in your corner. Despite all the adversity I faced, I still managed to become moderately successful and then go do something extraordinary, to inspire young people that they can do anything," he said.

Roberts is travelling more than 9,000 km across Canada pushing a shopping cart to shed light on youth homelessness. He entered into Ontario on his current trek on Sept. 22, and plans to be in Kenora on Apr. 7.

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