



## Poverty Roundtable Seeks Community's Support to Fill Backpacks for Kids

- The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR) is partnering with Kidsfest and TrueCity with a goal to fill 2,100 backpacks with school supplies for Hamilton children in need.
- The Hope Mountain Community Backpack Challenge is aligned with the Roundtable's vision of Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child.
- The challenge reflects the HRPR's commitment to help children through five critical points of investment and focuses on skills through education, activity and recreation.
- The Hope Mountain Community Backpack Challenge is about giving kids the right tools to succeed in their learning environments.
- This is the ninth year that Kidsfest and TrueCity have been filling backpacks and distributing them to Hamilton's kids. HRPR is joining with Kidsfest and TrueCity to fill 2,100 backpacks (double the number distributed in 2007 )which will be distributed in the Hamilton school boards this fall
- Arcelor-Mittal Dofasco Hamilton East, Trivaris, Scotiabank, and the City of Hamilton have already signed up as corporate sponsors and we challenge the community to fill a backpack and help Hamilton's kids learn.

For details, or information on how you can participate by filling bags, visit  
[www.hamiltonpoverty.ca](http://www.hamiltonpoverty.ca) or contact 905.523.5600 ex 222

