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PACKING BACKPACKS FOR WA KIDS IN NEED

Dandelions WA stands as a beacon of hope. With the unwavering support, compassion, and generosity of the incredible WA community, they are dedicated to spreading kindness and cultivating a sense of optimism. Behind Dandelions WA, there is a team of volunteers who are the driving force behind their mission. Whether it's through their thoughtfully crafted "Kindness Kits," tailored with essential toiletries, clothing, and extras relevant to gender and age, or by fulfilling specific wishes from communities, families, individuals, or partner agencies, they strive to make a difference. From assisting remote agencies in acquiring baby baths and towels to supporting neighbourhoods impacted by fires or droughts in their recovery, from collaborating with the WA Police to aid victims of family and domestic violence to providing Back to School backpacks for WA school students.



On Monday 6th November, seven members of the WAIO/NiW Legal team arrived at the Dandelions ready to work. After a quick introduction by Lisa, volunteer at Dandelions, the team were keen to get to work. To start the day, the team were putting together toiletry bags, which would be included in school bags and had the essentials like soap, tissues, shampoo, toothpaste, and a toothbrush. After running out of shampoo, the team then moved onto their main task for the day - packing high school bags as part of their 'Back to School' campaign. Team members grabbed buckets and went along the production line, picking up all the included items, included pencil cases, notebooks, stationery, earphones, water bottle, deodorant, lunch box and more, and then taking it into another room and packing it all together in a school bag, labelling it and placing it in a bin ready to be counted. One team member David was in charge of then moving the packed bags into the tubs and keeping count - with the Dandelions volunteers amazed with how neatly David organised the school bags!

As the afternoon wrapped up, the team helped clean up some of the empty boxes and did a final count of their efforts - 178 toiletry bags and 339 school bags packed - an awesome achievement.

Well done BHP, we hope you enjoyed your volunteering experience with Dandelions WA!

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