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HAMILTON ON - Tandia Employees contribute to Rosseau storage shed replacement

When a recent tragedy at a local area school was reported in the news, a number of employees from Tandia Financial Credit Union independently stepped forward to suggest a worthy cause for a donation from the Tandia Staff Charitable Giving Fund.

Arson was believed to be the cause of a fire that destroyed a school storage shed and its contents at Rosseau Elementary School in Ancaster on the night of Thursday January 3rd. The shed contained educational toys and equipment for kindergarten students that get used every day, even in the winter. Damage was estimated at \$10,000, which was reported to be below the board's insurance deductible.

Given that Tandia's community giving focus is helping children in need, the number of suggestions from staff to offer financial assistance from the employees' Charitable Giving Fund came as no surprise. On Tuesday January 15th, a cheque for \$5,000 to help replace the storage shed and its contents was delivered to Rosseau Elementary School and presented to Principal John Gris at the Parent Council meeting.

Mr. Gris had this to say, "The outpouring of support from the community has been wonderful and we are very grateful for this generous donation from Tandia's employees." He also shared, "Our school staff have also been very touched by the generous spirit of some of our kindergarten students themselves who have offered their parents' assistance to rebuild the shed and their own toys to fill it, how thoughtful."



Pictured left to right: Laura Hustler and Danielle Curry (Rosseau Parent Council), Teresa Buonamici, Carla Ricci and Brenda Henderson (Tandia), Amy Leaming Cote (Hamilton Foundation for Student Success) and John Gris, Principal, Rosseau Elementary School.

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