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Mission Services of London is celebrating its annual Fill The Bus fundraiser on Saturday, August 26, from 11 AM – 2 PM at 797 York Street at Rectory Street. Fill The Bus supports the children returning to school at Rotholme Family Shelter.

Fill The Bus: Celebration Event

797 York Street, London, ON., N5W 6A8

The Fill The Bus celebration event is open to everyone. Attendees can expect interactive games, face painting, a balloon artist, a colouring mural that will be hung in Rotholme's lounge area once complete, and so much more! The first 200 children (aged 12 and under) attending the event will receive a "Hey Cupcake" cupcake, and a chance to win one of our many prizes generously donated by Allegra Marketing, Dominos Pizza, Giant Tiger, London Children's Museum, London Lightning, the London Nationals, as well as gift cards from the Mission Store. Corus Entertainment's summer cruiser will also be at the event.

Mission Services of London's annual fundraiser, Fill The Bus runs from August 1 until September 30 to provide the children in Rotholme Family Shelter with school supplies all year long. The funds allow children to pick out their own backpacks, running shoes, pencil cases, clothing, and other necessities essential for their success and self-esteem.

"Staying in a shelter is difficult for children. They can be anxious starting a new school year, especially if they have to switch schools," says Stacey Wilson-Pye, Program Supervisor of Rotholme Family Shelter. "This campaign enables children to pick their own supplies with dignity and optimism."

View the Fill The Bus catalog to make a donation today at: <u>www.sharetheblessings.ca</u>

ABOUT MISSION SERVICES OF LONDON

Founded in 1951, Mission Services of London is a Christian faith-based, non-profit, social service agency serving London and area. With a staff of 150+, and more than 200 volunteers monthly, our mission is to actively respond to people experiencing need, affirm human dignity, and inspire hope. We do this at our five branches of service through programs including: safe emergency shelter for individuals, nutritious meals, transition and shelter diversion support, addiction treatment, mental health programming, and filling basic needs. Visit missionservices.ca for more information.