

Every Breakfast Counts Fundraising Unveiling

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Good afternoon everyone. I am happy to be here for this exciting announcement.

We are here today to announce the fundraising total for the Every Breakfast Counts initiative. I want to begin by thanking Algoma Family Services, Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services and the United Way of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District for partnering with us.

I want to recognize representatives from those organizations who are here today:

Alex Pasiak, Ali Juma, Brenda Clark and Emily Tremblay from Algoma Family Services;

Mike Nadeau, Adele Nanne and Susan Parr from Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services; and

Gary Vipond and Mike Delfre from the United Way

Before we get to the presentation, I want to briefly review the program.

Through Every Breakfast Counts, nutritious meals will be provided to local children at various locations across the community as a part of Social Services' Kids Being Kids program.

Algoma Family Services is providing its expertise and support. The DSSAB its distribution infrastructure and its spirit. The United Way its organization and tax receipting.

Every dollar raised is going to food.

None of the agencies involved are recovering any of their administrative costs: AFS, DSSAB, UW or the City.

Thank you to the staff at all of our partner organizations.

I also want to recognize the efforts of our team at Public Works and Transportation. PWT staff did a fantastic job on the cheques we used for presentations, along with the donor board you see here today.

This was truly a team effort. After a gap in service was identified, Algoma Family Services, the United Way, Social Services and my office worked together to develop a plan to address it, and our collaboration will help improve the community we all love.

Thank you.