



## ***St. Clair Catholic and Lambton Kent District School Boards Share \$45,000 from Noelle's Gift***

The St. Clair Catholic and Lambton Kent district school boards have been presented with a cheque for \$45,000 from the *Noelle's Gift* charitable fund. The money is shared among the two school boards, to support students who are in need. Funds are used to purchase eyeglasses, clothing, food, medicine and medical equipment – anything that is needed to help children and families in crisis.

The funds from *Noelle's Gift* are dispersed independently through the two school boards. Principals make application whenever a child is in need. Requests for funds are processed quickly, to get help to families as soon as possible.

"This charity does so much to help children who are in need, not only in our schools, but right across the communities of Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent," says Dan Parr, Director of Education for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. "We are truly grateful for the amazing work of the *Noelle's Gift Foundation*, and for the fitting way in which it honours the life of Noelle Paquette," says Mr. Parr.

"Every day we see the difference that *Noelle's Gift* makes in the lives of our students and families," says Jim Costello, Director of Education for the Lambton Kent District School Board. "We are honoured to accept this generous donation and to use it in the support of those in our school communities who need our help."

The *Noelle's Gift* charitable fund was established in memory of Noelle Paquette, a former Kindergarten teacher with St. Clair Catholic, who passed away in January 2013.

*Pictured above are (L-R) Jim Costello, Director of Education, Lambton Kent District School Board; Kevin Cannon and Jackie Major-Daamen, Noelle's Gift Foundation; and Dan Parr, Director of Education, St. Clair Catholic District School Board.*