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Thank You Parksville!

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department 2018 food and toy drive was once again a tremendous success due to the generosity of residents throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. In the two days of the annual drive, the department collected 26,720 pounds of food and \$27,217.30 in cash. The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department has been conducting the food drive since 1998.

Firefighters, honorary members and volunteers went door to door to collect for the Salvation Army food bank. This year, the single largest donation was made by the Craig Bay Resident Association which contributed 2,600 pounds of food and \$15,000 in cash donations.

Chief Marc Norris recognized the contributions, "2018 was the Parksville Fire Department's twentieth year to participate in the food drive and our success this year is because of the generosity of residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area as well as businesses and community organizations. Our active firefighters and honorary members, along with their families and friends, made this year's drive an overwhelming success."

Chief Norris also thanked the PVFD organizing committee. "All involved should be extremely proud of the results and the difference their efforts continue to make in our community," he said.

Mayor Ed Mayne said, "My sincere thanks to the residents for their generous support of the 2018 food and toy drive as well as all who participated in the collection efforts to support this much needed cause."

The food drive is also successful because of the generosity of local sponsors. Our thanks to Harris Oceanside Chevrolet, Parksville Chrysler, Arrowsmith Moving and Storage, Quality Foods, Five Star Wholesale Foods, First Parksville Scouts, Progressive Waste Solutions, Budget Truck Rentals, Thrifty Foods, Enterprise Paper, Save-On-Foods, Arrowsmith Search and Rescue, Craig Bay Residents Association, Salvation Army, PQB News, City of Parksville, Phil St Luke (Flying Phil), Tim Hortons, McDonalds, and all those who help behind the scenes.

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