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Parksville Fire Making a Difference in Our Community

The 2019 Parksville Volunteer Fire Department food and toy drive was a tremendous success thanks to the generous residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Over this past weekend, department volunteer members with help from their families and friends, collected 29,500 pounds of food and \$34,073.57 in cash. The single largest donation was organized by the Craig Bay Resident Association with \$20,559 in cash donations and 2,300 pounds of food.

Parksville Fire has been conducting the food drive since 1998 with firefighters, honorary members and volunteers going door-to-door to collect non-perishable food for the Salvation Army food bank. 77 volunteers worked on the food drive on Saturday with another 81 volunteers busy on Sunday and the time spent on the food drive by volunteers amounted to 2,528 person hours.

Chief Marc Norris recognized the many contributions to the weekend, "On behalf of Parksville Fire, my sincere thanks to the residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area for your generosity, my thanks to local businesses for your generous contributions to the event and also our members and food drive volunteers who work to make it all happen." Chief Norris also thanked the organizing committee, "Captain Mark Adelborg and his team should be extremely proud of the results and the difference their efforts continue to make in our community."

The food drive is also successful because of the generosity of local sponsors. Our thanks to Quality Foods, Save-on Foods, Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Oceanside Sales and Packaging, Arrowsmith Moving and Storage, Progressive Waste Management, Arrowsmith Search and Rescue, City of Parksville, Boston Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Freshpoint, Salvation Army, 1st Parksville Scouts, Craig Bay Residents Association and all those who helped behind the scenes.

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