

Christmas sharing

Beavers donate food

The Beavers who meet at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Stratford collected non-perishable food items during November.

Florence Kehl, from the House of Blessing then attended a meeting to talk to the Beavers about children who are not as lucky as they are. The Beavers helped carry the food to Ms. Kehl's vehicle.

Optimist Club draw helps 3 agencies

The Optimist Club of Stratford's annual grocery draw took place on Saturday at Food Basics. Thirteen tickets were drawn, with the winners sharing \$2,000 in grocery gift certificates.

However, at the end of the day the real winners were the Salvation Army, House of Blessing and Optimism Place which each received a cheque in the amount of \$500 for their local organizations. These funds will assist them in providing for the community during this special time of year.

Anne Hathaway helping

Students, families and staff of Anne Hathaway Public School have been helping others in various ways.

Grade 4 students delivered many boxes of food and supplies to the

OSPCA shelter in Stratford after holding their annual food drive for the shelter.

Canadian Tire money was collected by Anne Hathaway students and, with the grades 7/8 students from Northwestern raised more than \$300 to help buy an entertainment unit for the pediatric ward at Stratford General Hospital.

As well, the Christmas tree in the school's main hall was decorated with mittens and scarves that were given to the Salvation Army.

CAW completes toy drive

Canadian Auto Workers Union (CAW Local 4451) members at Cooper-Standard Automotive Plant 1 recently completed their annual Christmas Toy Drive.

More than 100 toys were donated to the House of Blessing to be distributed to the less fortunate residents of Stratford and surrounding area.

The union local's goal is to ensure all children in Stratford and surrounding area receive a Christmas gift. In recognition of the important work House of Blessing does for Stratford and area residents, the total membership also donated \$100.

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Is your group or organization doing something to help someone less fortunate this holiday season? Tell us how you're helping. You can submit information by e-mail to lturnbull@bowesnet.com, by fax at 271-1026, by calling City Editor Larke Turnbull at 271-2222, ext. 203, by mail at 16 Packham Road, Stratford, N5A 6T6, or drop off an item at our office.