



Volunteers for Sharon Bardwell Barrister, Solicitor and Notary's booth dressed to match their broccoli and cheese soup. In front are, from left, Sammy Herbert and Olivia Burke. Back row, from left, are Brenda Herbert and Bardwell.

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## Soup's On another success

Approximately \$30,000 raised

Frigid temperatures didn't stop an estimated 3,000 people from converging on the Stratford Rotary Complex on Saturday for the 14th annual Soup's On fundraiser in support of the Alzheimer Society of Perth County.

Thirty-two soup-makers, many with elaborately decorated booths, served up Perth's tastiest soups while supporting a great cause and vying for Top Soup awards.

After careful deliberation, the judges honoured the following soup-makers.

### Professional category

Best Vegetarian Soup, the Waterlot Restaurant; Best Hearty Soup, The Parlour; and Best Creamy Soup, Food at Your Fingertips.

### Amateur category

Best Vegetarian Soup, the Optimist Club of Stratford; Best Hearty Soup, 19th Squadron RCAC Stratford; and Best Creamy Soup, the Downie Optimist Club.

Best Decorated Booth went to Hillside Manor and the coveted People's Choice Award went to the Downie Optimist Club.

The biggest winners of all are the people across Perth County affected by Alzheimer disease or other dementia, and their caregivers. Besides raising awareness about Alzheimer Disease and related dementia, Soup's On this year has raised approximately \$30,000.

These funds stay in the community and will enable the chapter to offer "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow" for the growing number of people in Perth County affected by Alzheimer Disease and related dementia. This

incredible achievement was only possible with the help of help of over 130 volunteers, the generous support of donors and sponsors throughout the area, and of course the people of Perth County.

January is Alzheimer Awareness Month and Soup's On is only the first of several events planned. An outdoor Fun Run and walk is planned for this Sunday, Jan. 25 in Stratford at the Kiwanis Community Centre, from 9-11 a.m., followed by an indoor Manulife Walk for Memories at the Stratford Rotary Complex from 1-3 p.m.

Other walks are planned for Jan. 31 at St. Marys District Collegiate Vocational Institute and Feb. 1 at Listowel District Secondary School, also from 1-3 p.m. Anyone interested in participating or volunteering should phone 519-271-1910 or 1-888-797-1882.