

Scaring up support for a good cause

Chocolate bars and chips may be your typical trick-or-treating fare, but not for a group students at St. Joseph High School. Instead, they spent their All Hallows Eve Halloweening for Hunger—collecting non-perishable food items in support of the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre.

“We would get some comments from people, like, ‘Aren’t you a bit old to be trick-or-treating?’ But when we told them we were collecting food for the Food Bank, people told us they thought it was a great idea,” said Alyssa McCullough, a Grade 11 student who participated for the third year. Allyssa also co-ordinated assignments for the 265 student volunteers along 84 routes.

In the six years students at St. Joseph High School have been Halloweening for Hunger, they have collected an estimated 60,000 pounds, including this year, for the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre.

“We’re so proud of our students for taking the initiative to support people in their community,” said Rachelle Kelln, a teacher at St. Joseph High School who helped co-ordinate this year’s effort. “Part of what we want to teach our students is to use your gifts and talents to help others, to serve. Activities like this help students learn that they can make a difference in the lives of others; it’s often little things that make a big difference.”

Merlin Ford Lincoln provided three vehicles and volunteer drivers to help the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre pick up the food at St. Joseph’s High School Monday morning. According to the Food Bank, 12,408 pounds of food was collected his year—and food was still being collected and dropped off at the school throughout the day.

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