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Donations reach almost \$294,000 — and counting

You are amazing! Thank you for your generosity and support.

The Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund has come a long way since it was “reborn” in 1992. It originally started during the Great Depression of the 1930s, when there was almost no social service infrastructure anywhere in Canada.

At some point in the 1960s, the Christmas Cheer Fund seemed to fade away.

Then two decades ago, the fund was resurrected by Gregg Drinnan, who was the Leader-Post sports editor at the time.

After nurturing his “baby” for several years, Drinnan turned over the reins to Will Chabun, who provided many years of compassionate coverage.

In 2008, I became the “voice” of the Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund. Every year for the past five years, the incredible support from the community has amazed me — and touched my heart.

Back in 1992, the Christmas Cheer Fund raised just over \$16,000. Drinnan was delighted. So were the shelters.

Two decades later, the total raised is almost \$294,000 — and counting! The shelters are in awe, and incredibly grateful.

In late November 2006, the fund reached an important milestone. The accumulated donations to the fund since it was restarted in 1992 had hit the \$1 million mark.

Now, thanks to your generosity, the accumulated total has surpassed \$2 million.

Now that Christmas is over, and the 2012 Christmas Cheer Fund campaign is winding down, we’re getting ready to close the books on the 2012 campaign. But the Christmas Cheer Fund campaign never actually stops.

So now, we’re getting ready to shift our focus to the 2013 Christmas Cheer Fund campaign. Hope we can continue to count on your support!

Sadly, domestic violence and abuse continues — 365 days a year.

All year long your donations will help women and children fleeing domestic abuse.



Thank you!

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DONATIONS

Devon Anderson	\$75
Anonymous. In memory of Phil & Cora Dean, Abe & Gladys Klassen, Marge & Aggie Brye & Anne Klassen	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Barry Barlow	\$250
Anonymous	\$50
Gerald & Beverly Bonar	\$50
Raymond & Sandra Boughen	\$300
Myrtle Boyle	\$25
Bill & Joan Britton	\$50
Maisie Burton. In memory of my daughter Susan	\$50
Anonymous	\$30
Jean & Cam Currie	\$50
Jim Dale. In memory of Joan Dale	\$50
Sharon Dent	\$418.76
Garry Deters	\$50
Ed & Kay Dielschneider	\$80
Joanne, Allan & Margaret. In Memory of Steven & Walter Dorosh	\$50
Anonymous	\$250
Anonymous	\$50
Dianne, Rob, Christopher, & Devon Fehr	\$100
Anonymous	\$50
Al & Bernice Fjoser	\$50
Elaine Bennett Fox & Doyle Fox	\$50
Anonymous	\$50
Leanne Gravener	\$50
Larry Greenbank	\$50
Anonymous	\$100
Marlene Hall. In memory of my parents Nick and Anne Howenka	\$100
Anne Hanson	\$100
Louise E. Jackson. In memory of those who couldn't escape and hope for those who do	\$200
Nancy and Ray Jacoby	\$50
Gertrude Kennedy	\$15
Anonymous	\$250
Alison Lohans	\$40
Loretta Luster. In lieu of Christmas gift to my sister Mary	\$25
John & Margie Lynch	\$100
Penny Malone. Remembering Lou Beler	\$50
Deed Mann	\$50
John R. McClement	\$200
Anonymous	\$75
Gladys McEachen	\$50
Susan McGillivray	\$50
Dorothy McKendrick	\$20
Anonymous	\$400
Pat & Shirley Meredith. In loving memory of Aldophe & Emily Maier	\$75
Anonymous	\$50
Anonymous	\$100
Anonymous	\$20
Anonymous	\$200
Fay Obleman	\$20
Carol Oxelgren. In lieu of Christmas Gifts	\$100
Harshad Pate. Congratulation for helping the needy.	
Good Luck in 2013	\$200
Lee Peck	\$100
Donna & Larry Adams	\$50
Erwin & Stella Rogers	\$25
Betty Schmalenberg	\$250
Anna Sudom. In memory of my departed family	\$100
Gerry Thompson	\$25
Anonymous	\$20
Alexander & Mary Tokaruk	\$50
Bruce & Ollie Trembley	\$50
Ronald & Joan Webb	\$50
Anonymous	\$50
Anonymous	\$30
Ernie & Brenda Womack	\$50
Lena Woolley	\$100
The Sundowners	\$25
Gary & Brenda Zerr	\$25
Belly Dance With Linda	\$200
104.9 The Wolf's Good Crap for Christmas campaign	\$4,064
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Olive Waller Zinkhan & Waller	\$300
St. Matthew's Anglican Church Women	\$100
Sthamann Homes Inc.	\$3,000
Thee Lingerie Shoppe	\$1,614.44
Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada	
Daughter of Ukraine	\$250
White City School Staff	\$100
2012 CAMPAIGN TOTAL =	\$293,881.43