



On Dec. 3, the Balanowski family welcomed all of Georgetown to their doorstep to donate a dollar to support the ALS Society of Canada. Left, Charlie Armstrong drops a dollar in a bucket at the event.

Photo by Shelli Harrison

## Local fundraiser raises \$10,000 for ALS Society of Canada

Too excited to fall asleep, local resident Shari Balanowski woke up on a Saturday morning eager to get the show on the road.

On Dec. 3, the Balanowski family greeted many local residents to their home fundraiser where they were asking the community for a dollar to go to ALS research. Earlier this year, Shari's husband, Ervin, received a confirmed diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Even though the event officially started at 11 a.m., residents stopped by at 8:30 a.m. all

the way until 8:30 p.m. In the end, the event raised over \$10,000.

I know the money we raised is just a drop in the bucket, but it's a start, Shari said. It's time to stop crying and start fighting.

The family thanks the community for the generous support they received.

Thank you Georgetown. You're absolutely wonderful.

For more information about the fundraising efforts, and to donate, visit [onedollarforals.com](http://onedollarforals.com).

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