

Bread Basket hopes change will bolster the pantry

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"It was very, very well received," Brading said. By standing at the grocery stores, almost all the food donated was current. It also made it easier on the volunteers to stand in one place and ask, as opposed to walking door to door, which was intimidating for some. After the event wrapped up, they gathered about 9,000 pounds of unexpired food and were able to sort it at the Bread Basket.

"We're not quite up to our numbers of 45,000, but I think that will grow," she said. "We're still tweaking some of the timelines and getting schedules in place, but I see it being much more beneficial to both organizations because they don't need as much manpower from the Scouts and we don't need as many volunteers that we needed previously for the day."

With the Scout drive's new timing, Brading said the donations help during the summer when donations are thinner. If you are interested in volunteering, visit the Georgetown Bread Basket website at georgetownbreadbasket.ca

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Residents join trek through Iceland for Royal LePage Shelter

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Local resident Jill Johnson and her daughter, Robyn Fennel, climbed mountains, negotiated a volcano and even walked between glaciers in support of shelters for abused women and their children.

The adventure came as a five-day experience and saw 86 walkers push themselves to the limit by travelling as much as 25 kilometres per day over the remote and inhospitable terrain across Iceland this past July.

"It was incredible," Johnson said.

They raised more than \$12,000 for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation by participating in a 115-kilometre trek. "The country is extraordinarily beautiful," Johnson said. "On one day where we did 25 kilometres, you would start in gorgeous mountains with greens I had never seen in nature before. Then you trek for four or five kilometres and you find yourself in a field of lava dust where rocks are strewn everywhere from volcanic activity. Then you walk for a few more kilometres and you would be on this snowfield and ice glacier."

Johnson said the terrain was barely comparable to anything she had seen before, even comparing some areas to the surface of the moon.

The excursion is the latest fundraising effort organized by the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation.

The charity, which is dedicated exclusively to funding women's shelters and violence prevention programs, has found large projects of this type to be an effective way Royal LePage agents can mobilize fundraising in their communities.

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