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'A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

LOCAL 100 WOMAN WHO CARE CHAPTER HITS DONATION MILESTONE

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When Lori Gysel first heard about 100 Women Who Care, she was intrigued by the idea.

Above all, there was one aspect that really captured her attention.

"I really liked that all the funds stay local," she said.

The only thing that prevented her from jumping on board was that it was a friend from Guelph asking her to join. If Gysel was going to be involved, she wanted it to benefit Halton Hills, the community she lives in.

Gysel never forgot about the concept, though, and a few years later was still thinking about the idea and how it could benefit local organizations. So she gathered friends Heather Coles, Jill Farrington and Sarah Burrows and Liana McAlister and explained the concept.

They worked out the logistics and in November of 2018 launched 100 Women Who Care Halton



Hills.

Three-and-a-half years later, the organization is marking a milestone as it surpasses the \$100.000 mark in donations.

And just as Gysel hoped, local charitable groups are seeing the benefit.

Dania Thurman, executive director of Food4Kids Halton, said without any regular government funding, their organization relies on community and corporate support.

"Groups like 100 Women Who Care have been so fantastic," Thurman said. "It's a great way for women to get together and

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DOG-GONE TALENTED



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Britnie Moussean shows off Kai's balancing skills as part of the Trick Stars agility dogs demonstration during the grand opening celebration of the leash-free dog park at Trafalgar Sports Park, which opened in November. See more photos, page 21.





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