

Guelph St. businesses team up for a good cause



Herma Buchanan of Vision Travel Group displays the tickets that will be sold to raffle off a free trip at her business as part of the September 20 Guelph Street Yard Sale she has been organizing.

Photo by Ted Brown

For the second year, the Vision Travel Group will be holding their annual yard sale, September 20, with all proceeds in aid of the William Olser Health Centre Foundation.

But this year, Vision Travel manager Herma Buchanan has added a new twist to the yard sale, inviting all her neighbouring businesses to make it a Guelph Street event.

"I've been talking to other businesses along the street," Buchanan said, "and have a number of them coming on board to take part, with all proceeds raised that day going to the local hospital foundation."

Buchanan said she and Bell Mobility (Close Link Communications) next door unwittingly held their fund-raisers the same day last year, so it seemed like a good idea to try to expand the event to take in as many businesses as possible.

"Businesses can do anything they want," said Buchanan, "They can hold a barbecue, have a yard sale, make up some sort of a competition, or even clear out old stock, so long as it's in aid of the foundation."

Vision Travel, located at 328 Guelph St., will be holding their yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also feature an inflated bouncing castle for the kids, as well as hold a raffle to win a free trip. Buchanan said they have lots of travel paraphernalia on sale, including T-shirts, hats and travel cases, and lots of "other great bargains".

Other Guelph Street businesses who have indicated they will be on board include:

- Canadian Tire Georgetown will be selling window stickers in aid of the hospital foundation.

- Pita Pit will donate one dollar from the sale of each pita that day.

- Georgetown McDonalds will donate a dollar from the sale of each Big Mac sold that day.

- Edward Jones Financial, A&P and Bell Mobility have all indicated they are taking part, but Buchanan had no details on what they will be offering.

The event runs rain or shine, and Buchanan said all businesses along the street are welcome to take part.

—By Ted Brown, staff writer

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