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Youngsters 'sickened' by theft

When two local girls read that a Legion poppy box was stolen, they decided to do something about it

Two Georgetown girls were so disgusted by the recent theft of a poppy box containing \$300 from a veterans' display in the mall they decided to do something about it.

"It sickened me that someone would do that," said 12-year-old Chelsea Phipps, who learned of the November 6 theft in *The Independent & Free Press*.

The donation box was stolen by two young people, a male and female, when the attendant's back was turned. The box was recovered, but the money was not. Police have issued an arrest warrant for a man in connection with the theft.

"I was just really upset because I knew all they (veterans) had done for our country," said Chelsea.

She and her 10-year-old sister Madison had learned all about Remembrance Day and the veterans who had put their lives on the line to protect the freedom Canadians enjoy today through school assemblies.

They decided to make a poster emblazoned with "Lest We Forget" and "The Year of the Veteran," wrapped it around a can and went door-to-door in their neighbourhood collecting money to make up for the money that was stolen.

Chelsea said everyone was very generous and one neighbour gave them \$20.



Georgetown sisters Chelsea (centre-left) and Madison Phipps presented veterans Shell Lawr (left) and Chuck Tutty with the money they collected after they learned

about the theft of a poppy donation box in Georgetown Market Place. The girls collected \$77 for the veterans.

Photo by Ted Brown

In the end they collected \$77 and presented the funds to two local veterans at Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion in Georgetown Tuesday.

Veterans Chuck Tutty and Shell Lawr were very impressed with what

the girls had done.

"It just shows you today the children are really appreciative of what the veterans have done for them and are aware of what's going on (regarding) Remembrance Day," said Tutty,

the veteran service officer at the legion.

"I think it's terrific," said Lawr.
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—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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