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Kettle shortfall

Please donate any money you can spare: Sally Ann

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It's four days until Christmas and the Salvation Army is far from its fundraising goal.

As its annual campaign ends on Christmas Eve and this year having set a lofty goal of \$180,000, staff at the local organization are appealing to residents to take notice of the red kettles and spare any money they could to help Milton's less fortunate.

As of yesterday, \$140,000 had been raised, about 80 per cent of the Salvation Army's goal.

"We've had an incredible response with toys and food. Now we need a final push for funds," said Angela Hunt, administrative assistant.

The funds raised during the holiday season go toward maintaining Sally Ann's food bank for the entire year, she said.

The demand on the food bank is up about 20 per cent from last year, which Hunt attributed to a greater population in town and more referrals from other agencies.

The money raised will be used when the food bank is running low on items, however, following a strong holiday food drive, Hunt estimated they'll have enough food for the next three or four months.

She said the need for Christmas food hampers and toys for children

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So far, the Salvation Army is about 80 per cent to its fundraising goal this holiday season and is appealing to residents to make kettle donations. GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

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