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Essex Knights of Columbus member Bernadette Mahon serves up plates of pasta to Carrie and Bill Deehan during an all-you-can-eat fundraiser at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Nov. 29. All proceeds from the event are going to the children of Chris Jackson, who recently lost his battle with brain cancer.

Pasta dinner feeds nearly 600

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A number of local merchants also chipped in, donating food for the dinner and a variety of raffle prizes.

A few weeks before Chris's death, the Jacksons reached out to Larry Brunet, the priest at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, for assistance.

With Chris too sick to continue working at Integram Inc. Windsor Division in Emeryville, the family was struggling to pay their bills, Brunet said.

"They told me their gas

was turned off," Brunet said. "And so we went into action mode."

Over one weekend, the parish collected more than \$8,000 for bill payments.

When Chris died, the parish also paid for the funeral luncheon for the family

"This family was in need and the parish helped them out," Brunet said.

Stacey and her four children attended the pasta fundraiser, along with Chris's mom Sue Jackson.

