

Spoljaric's drive helps Daily Bread Food Bank

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When Lisa Spoljaric dons her husband's Toronto Blue Jays uniform this weekend at SkyDome she will be trying to strike out the opposition.

Unlike the opponents that her husband, Paul, faces when he takes to the mound, Lisa's rival afflicts people all over the world — hunger.

The former York Region resident and daughter of TSN announcer John Wells has taken an active role in this year's Lady Jays Strike Out Hunger food drive.

Starting tomorrow and continuing through the weekend, Spoljaric and other wives of the Blue Jays will collect food and cash donations before the games at entrances and walkways leading into SkyDome in support of the Daily Bread Food Bank.



LISA SPOLJARIC is a big supporter of Daily Bread Food Bank

"What would be nice is for a lot of fans to come to the games. That will determine how successful the food drive will be," Spoljaric said of the Lady Jays' 13th annual food drive. "When we did this in the past people didn't realize (the significance of the food drive). Hopefully this weekend will be a big turn out," she added.

A 1989 Markham District High School graduate, Spoljaric was a part of the Lady Jays food drive during Paul's first tour of duty with the club in 1997.

But since the birth of their first son, Hunter, last July, and another one due in August, she is a firm believer of the food bank's goals.

"When we came back in May we were more than willing to help. Now being a parent it means more to me now. The number of youngsters has increased and the amount of donations to the food bank has decreased. You hate to see your kids suffer."

Those attending this weekend's games are asked to bring peanut butter tomorrow, canned fish on Saturday and macaroni and cheese on Sunday. Food donations can also be made by calling (416) 203-0050.

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