



Cancer run personal this time

Mom diagnosed with disease she fought

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Just weeks after Stouffville's Vicky Yakabuski participated in the annual Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure in Toronto, she was diagnosed with the very disease she had spent years trying to find a cure for.

In October 2008, Mrs. Yakabuski had a mammogram, something the then 46-year-old did annually for many years.

But this one yielded very different results — stage two lobular carcinoma.

"I couldn't believe this was happening to me," Mrs. Yakabuski said.

The lobular carcinoma had spread to three places within her left breast, which resulted in Mrs. Yakabuski having a radical mastectomy. A radical mastectomy involves the removal of the breast, underlying chest muscle and underarm lymph nodes.

That was last November, just weeks following her diagnosis.

In January, Mrs. Yakabuski started chemotherapy.

"It is a terrible disease. You're feeling fine before the diagnosis but, it's the treatment that makes you feel so terrible," she said.

Mrs. Yakabuski completed her six rounds of chemotherapy

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Volunteers Molly McManingwell (left) and Helen Laird sort donations during the Thanksgiving Food Drive at Latcham Hall on Thursday. You can donate food today at the Walmart plaza.

DONATIONS FROM DRIVE WOULD FILL STOUFFVILLE FOOD BANK TWICE

Residents 'come through' for hungry

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Enough food to fill the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank twice over was donated by local residents and businesses during the first-ever Thanksgiving Food Drive at Latcham Hall Thursday.

"We did really well," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who spearhead-

ed the project through the town's Emergency Care Fund committee. "I believed in my municipality, that they would come through, and they did."

Earlier this week, the food bank was down to its last milk crate of macaroni and cheese and canned fruits and vegetables, which would have only lasted through this Tues-

day's distribution.

"I've never been that low," said Joan Doble, the food bank's treasurer and a volunteer of almost 20 years.

With all the food collected on Thursday and the items expected to be donated today in front of Walmart on Hoover Park Drive, Mrs. Doble is quite confident the food

bank will remain in good shape until Christmas.

"(But) it depends on how many clients we have," she said.

So much food was brought to Latcham Hall by 3:30 p.m., that trucks had to haul it all away to a temporary storage facility in order

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