

Over \$30,000 raised for Meals on Wheels Be the Spark campaign



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For many, getting a warm, nutritional meal is difficult. But thanks to the efforts of the community and Bolton Tim Horton's owners Brad and Liz Stafford, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) will be able to provide those meals to those in need.

2018's Be the Spark campaign saw the community successfully raise over \$20,000, with the Staffords contributing \$10,000 through their Match our Meals fundraiser, surpassing their goal of \$7,500, and CMOW's goal of \$15,000. The announcement took place at CMOW's office on Dec. 19, which was met with a resounding applause from everyone in attendance.

"Our benevolent fund is a special fund that falls under our meals services and our meal delivery program. There are many citizens within the community who are not able to afford our meal service program," explained Deidre Morrison-Mohamed, CMOW's Resource Development Manager. "We want to ensure that nobody goes without a nutritious meal."

"I'm floored at the response from the community, the generosity from the community," commented Brad Stafford.

Seniors and individuals with a disability submit an application for support to CMOW, and when approved, will receive a free meal service delivery.

"We are just blown away by the support that we've been getting from the community," added Morrison-Mohamed.

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson was on hand to take part in the announcement, and congratulated CMOW for the money raised. "Everyone is included, and accepted, and I think that's what makes it so special."

He also thanked the Staffords for their efforts in stepping up. "Everybody is going to have a good meal, and not only that, creating that relationship with those people."

Christine Sevigny, CMOW's Executive Director added, "Every time we do something and the community responds, it is so touching to see how the community cares about this organization."

For more information, visit www.cmow.org.