

# Mayor's Golf Tournament Triumphs Over the Elements

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Township of Tiny Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma, far left, and Mayor George Cornell, centre right, present a cheque to Tay Township, winner of the event's tournament within a tournament. The winnings are being donated to a food bank in Tay Township.

Wind, thunder, lightning, rain and paraskevidekatriaphobia (fear of Friday the 13th) had no effect on the enthusiasm and generosity of the 125 golfers, 55 dinner guests, and sponsors who participated in this year's Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner, which took place on September 13 at Brooklea Golf & Country Club. At the end of the night a cheque was displayed in the amount of \$54,500, exceeding the golf committee's target by \$4,500 dollars. Including this year's proceeds, the event has donated \$250,000 to 46 local charities since 2015.

Part of the day's proceeds came from an online auction. Among the highlights was a Scotiabank Arena box suite (12 people) for a Raptors game, valued at \$10,000 and donated by The Remington Group. Bidding started about two weeks before the tournament and terminated during the dinner.

Committee Chair and Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma championed a number of new features, including a Council Charity Challenge. Six local municipalities — Clearview, Essa, Wasaga, Springwater, Simcoe County and Tay — took part in a tournament within the tournament. Tay Township was the winner. The prize, a \$1,000 donation to the charity of Tay's choosing, was designated to the St. Vincent De Paul, St. Mary's Conference, a local food bank.

Friday the 13th ended up being a lucky day for 18 charities. In addition to the food bank donation, \$54,500 will be distributed to the following organizations: Angels with Backpacks, Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Community Reach, Chigamik, Crimestoppers, Georgian Bay General Hospital, Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, Huronia Community Foundation, Huronia Senior Care — Wheels 4 Wheels, MTM Conservation, Quest Art, Scientists in School, Sistema Huronia, Township of Tiny Bursary Program, We Are the Villagers, and Wendat Community Programs.

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