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# Walking for Cloverdale

## Event to help chart course for community kitchen

By Jennifer Lang

Hosts of the Cloverdale Community Kitchen urge supporters to join the upcoming Coldest Night of the Year campaign.

It's part of a national campaign taking place on the last Saturday in February – on average, the coldest night of the year in Canada – to raise money and awareness for local charities assisting homeless people.

More than 60 charities organized walks in their neighbourhoods last year, including the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. In Cloverdale, 300 walkers raised \$64,000, a feat that coincided with the kitchen's official launch.

The commercial-grade kitchen – constructed at Pacific Community Church after an ambitious fundraising campaign – is home to three existing programs assisting Cloverdale's less

fortunate. Pacific Community Church runs the Monday night cafe, while Cloverdale Christian Fellowship puts on a Wednesday night meal. And on Thursdays at noon, a hot lunch is served up by members of the Cloverdale Presbyterian Church.

This year's walk-a-thon goal is to raise \$70,000.

"It's a huge jump," says Jim Heuvig, executive pastor and event planner for the Coldest Night of the Year walk. He also leads the Cloverdale Community Kitchen team, which is in the process of hiring a kitchen director to oversee existing programs and liaise with local agencies and groups.

"We hope to bring in a full-time coordinator. Someone to really take the kitchen to the next level," Heuvig said. "We want to push as far as we can

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