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# Cold walk doubles target

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The Coldest Night of the Year was determined to live up to its billing in Cloverdale as teams braved snow and sleet to walk two, five and 10-kms in the cold to raise money for the new community kitchen.

The early evening event saw 27 teams and nearly 260 walkers take to the streets, raising \$58,000 and counting – nearly double what organizers had been aiming for.

There was a groundswell of support for the



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A cold, wet snow was falling as the 'Coldest Night of the Year' walk in Cloverdale got underway.

walk in Cloverdale, one of three taking place in Surrey on Feb. 22 – the same day as part of a nation-wide campaign to assist homelessness initiatives.

The initial target had been set at \$30,000 – enough money to launch the new Clover-

dale Community Kitchen, hosted and built by Pacific Community Church, which also sponsored the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

A call out to the community resulted in an outpouring of support in the form of teams, participants, and spon-

sors. Teams like the top-earning Betty Lau team (team BLT) raised \$9,750 in pledges, helping push Cloverdale to 9th spot in Canada, and number-one in B.C., despite being nearer the middle of the pack in terms of numbers of participating teams.

The funds will help launch the Cloverdale Community Kitchen, which is already serving up hot meals and nourishment to local homeless and needy individuals and families.

The walk functioned as the kitchen's official grand opening.