

Haunt in the Park sees record breaking success

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The Little Family have announced the final tally of donations for the 2021 Haunt in the Park.

Described as a 'record breaking year' the Haunt in the Park saw 1971 attendees over their two-day (Oct. 30 and Oct. 31) haunted house event at Fiddle Park.

'We were quite amazed by the enthusiastic turnout by the community,' said Carola Little. 'Something that started out as a little hobby ends up being something that so many people get to take part in, whether by volunteering or coming out to enjoy it. It really makes our hearts swell to know that something that is so much fun for us to do can also bring so much fun for people around us.'

Through the Halloween event filled weekend, which began with their second annual Character Walk on the Friday and led into the Haunt in the Park, the Little family raised a total of \$1,700 and 2,492 lbs of food for Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank.

'All the effort and work is all the more worthwhile because we're able to provide support to such a worthwhile cause as the food bank and also entertain almost 2,000 people,' said Little.

Ardith Dunlop, coordinator for the local food bank, said they rely on the donation from the Haunt in the Park each year to help put together the Christmas hampers they provide their clients with over the holiday season.

'They're just real community heroes. They put in hundreds of hours to make this haunted house for the community and all they ask is for a donation to the food bank,' said Dunlop. 'We're incredibly grateful to them; for all that they do for us.'

The 2021 Haunt in the Park marked the return of the Little families' annual haunted house, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

'This year was a modified event and for the people that came out for the first time, if you think this year was good wait until you see next year,' said Little.