

Hungry children receive help with holiday fundraiser]

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Shelburne Home Hardware is giving back to the community this holiday season by working to help fill the bellies of hungry children at Shelburne schools.

The local Home Hardware officially kicked off their 8th annual Donate A Plate Fundraiser on Dec. 1. The fundraising event looks to raise donations to provide funding for breakfast programs in local schools.

"Every kid needs to think and be alert in school and you have to have food to fuel the body; it's an ingredient you can't overlook," said Bill Gilliam, owner of Shelburne Home Hardware.

The Donate A Plate Fundraiser allows Shelburne Home Hardware customers to make a monetary donation of their choosing while checking out at the cash checkout. Proceeds from the fundraiser are given to the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, who ensures all proceeds raised are given to schools and students in the Shelburne community.

"Dollar for dollar it comes back to the community and some schools need it more than others," said Gilliam.

According to the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, in 2021 over 47,000 students had access to nutritious snacks and meals with more than 1.24 million meals provided to children and youth in school and at home.