

## Caching for Kidneys event raises over \$8,300

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The annual Caching for Kidneys fundraiser exceeded the expectations of organizer Mary Dancey.

Over \$8,300 was raised and pledges are still trickling in.

"Our goal was \$6,000," said Dancey.

This is the second year in a row that the Caching for Kidneys event was held in Melfort, Oct. 17.

"Our goal is to have it grow into other communities. This could easily be done across the province, across the country and it can be some version of 'Caching for Kidneys.' It doesn't have to be live music. It can be what works for them as long as it involves the geocaching," said Dancey.

The event in Melfort included a pancake breakfast and musical entertainment.

"I am so overwhelmed (with the support). I can hardly find the words," said Dancey.

There were donations for the prize table from various communities including Lake Lenore, Humboldt and Calgary.

"It's just been one thing after another these past couple of weeks. I just don't have the words to describe the support," said Dancey.

"I'm really happy today that some other kidney patients came forward to show that it's not just about me, this is about a village of people who need help."

The idea for the fundraiser being centered around geocaching came after Dancey was introduced to it by her oldest daughter Nicole.

"As I started feeling better and started thinking about what my fundraiser would be, I wanted it to be something original that no one else was doing and get our name out there for the Kidney Foundation. So, that's how Caching for Kidneys was born was through that," said Dancey.

The money raised through the event goes to the Saskatchewan branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada.



The second annual Caching for Kidneys fundraiser was held on Sunday, Oct. 17.