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‘Caching for Kidneys’ event to take place Sunday at Spruce Haven Park in Melfort

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This coming Sunday (Oct. 11), people will have a chance to go treasure hunting and raise money for a good cause.

A ‘Caching for Kidneys’ event is taking place on Sunday to help raise money for the Kidney Foundation of Canada and is being organized by Melfort resident Mary Dancey.



Mary Dancey is organizing a geocaching fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

“I have been dealing with kidney failure for a couple of years now and when I first got sick, I was taken to St. Paul’s Hospital and we were treated very well. My husband, the kids and myself, they treated us very well. They looked after us like family and to this day, continue to do that,” said Dancey.

“I knew that when I started feeling better, I would want to do something to give back to that community.”

Dancey was introduced to geocaching by her daughter and Dancey fell in love with it.

“I knew that I wanted to incorporate the geocaching into a fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation,” said Dancey.

Geocaching includes hunting for hidden objects using GPS technology and people can download information off the internet to help find locations of the caches.

“Then, you have these co-ordinates on your GPS and then you just follow those directions and they can take you over bridges, through bushes, wherever, and then you find this cache,” said Dancey.

“In the cache is usually a diary where you sign your name and tell your story and everyone who finds it does that. The idea is to take one thing and leave one thing so it’s never empty. The cache is always full of memorabilia from people who were there before you.”

Dancey is hoping that between 300 and 500 people attend the event and is hoping to raise \$5,000.

The event starts with registration from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Spruce Haven Park and the opening ceremonies take place at 11 a.m.

There is a pancake breakfast from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The geocaching takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m.

There is live music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The live music includes the Bortis Family and friends, Shaun Dancey and friends, Leslie Dancey and friends and Midday Rival.

The closing ceremonies are set for 2 p.m.

For the geocaching, four to five people can be on a team and each team member needs to raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges. Only one GPS unit is needed per team and GPS units will be available to sign out if people do not have their own GPS units.

For more information, people can contact Dancey at 752-5877.