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Tom Fowler of Link-Line Contractors Ltd. presents Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Emes with a \$5,000 cheque to help fill the local food bank.

# Full tummies all around town

*Event will help stock shelves at Fort Frances food bank*

BY RONALD WOLF

ROYAL Canadian Legion Branch 29, Fort Frances, was converted into a chili lover's paradise on Oct. 20 for The Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Great Canadian Chili Cook-off and Cake Roulette.

Sponsored by The Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, the chili cook-off had a multitude of meanings.

First it was an annual chili lover's heaven, second a food drive, and third a great get-together where friends and family can rejoice in eating chili.

Many local groups participated in the cook-off, but there can only be one winning team.

The Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre (FFPLTC) walked away, or cooked away, with the 2010 crown. You could say they were blessed with beginner's luck.

Perhaps it was their motto: Feeling trapped? You don't need to wait 69 days for a rescue. Rescue Me Chili is here!

Perhaps it was their special blends of ingredients that made them winners.

Perhaps it was a combination of all three.

But they did have an unfair advantage. They had a mega selection of recipes from the library. The winning recipe was picked from one of the books, which they had on hand.

The Great Canadian Chili Cook-off and Cake Roulette also was a drive for local food banks, and people were encouraged to bring along non-perish-



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able items.

The main event came when Tom Fowler, a Link-Line Contractors Ltd. rep, gave Cathy Emes, chamber president, a \$5,000 cheque to help fill the local food bank's shelves.

Link-Line is responsible for replacing natural gas lines for Union Gas in Fort Frances.

It must be added that a couple of hundred pounds of food raised in the Fill the Food Banks campaign was donated for the food bank.

With the Christmas season approaching, the food will find needy homes this season.

The food donated will be matched pound for pound by Shaw and Campbells.

In other words, a few hundred pounds of food quickly became 400 or 500 pounds of food. Fill the Food Banks will continue until Nov. 15.

The public can continue to donate non-perishable items until then at The Place, Robert Moore School, Family & Children's Service, the Shaw's office, the Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre and the chamber office.

*Ronald Wolf's column appears every other Tuesday.*

