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'Coldest Night' walks raise \$250K

In Whalley, event raises \$23,538 for task force, society

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More than \$250,000 has been raised – so far – for Surrey and White Rock through the annual “Coldest Night of the Year” walks.

There were three walks in the area: Whalley, Cloverdale and White Rock.

The second-annual Whalley walk was just shy of its goal Wednesday morning.

People can still donate online at: cnoy.org/location/surreywhalley.

The Surrey-Whalley “Coldest Night of the Year” walk had raised \$23,538 of its \$25,000-goal.

That number is up from 2019, which saw the inaugural Whalley walk raise more than \$18,000.

Funds from the Whalley



Walkers participating in the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk Saturday evening (Feb. 22) in Whalley wear their special toques for the event. The three local walks raised \$250,000. (Photo: Lauren Collins)

walk go toward the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force and the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society.

Jonquil Hallgate, the co-chair of the task force, said that since the Whalley walk is only in its third year, it has “a little bit of catching up to do” with the other walks in Cloverdale and White Rock.

“But year three is going to do it.”

The Cloverdale walk raised \$125,165, slightly surpassing

its goal of \$125,000. Cloverdale raised the fourth-highest amount of money out of the 144 locations throughout Canada.

The White Rock walk raised \$107,603 of its \$107,000-goal.

According to CNOY’s website, there were walks in 144 locations across the country, made up of 3,571 teams.

The total fundraising goal is \$6 million, and as of Tuesday afternoon it was at \$5,855,686.