

Orillia Georgian College students to spend a night in the cold

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Georgian College students and community members will step outside their comfort zones during an all-night event aimed at shining a light on homelessness.

Participants in the Nov. 25 SleepOut Challenge will stay outdoors in cardboard boxes for 12 hours during the interactive experience.

"By taking part in and supporting the SleepOut Challenge, participants will be contributing to the Push For Change initiative, which is raising awareness and funding to help youth homelessness in Canada," the school said in a statement.

Running from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the event features guest speakers, food and entertainment, as well as a basic-needs scavenger hunt.

Social service worker students Trish Flowers, Tobey McCool and Tasha Douglas are organizing the event.

"We are asking for cash donations – 50 per cent will go to Push For Change and the UpStream Project, and 50 per cent will be going to the OPP Youth Foundation, in turn being used to support the building of a youth shelter here in Orillia," Flowers said.

Donations of non-perishable food items and clothing are also welcome.



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