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## A multimedia-CEO-turned-youth-homelessness-advocate is pushing a shopping cart across Canada

### Walking to end youth homelessness

<http://www.thepushforchange.com/>

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It will be the police versus the firefighters on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Pyramid Centre in St. Marys, as the two public safety forces serving the municipality face off to fight youth homelessness.

A news release this week from the Perth County detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) explains officers will take to the ice at the Pyramid Centre in a charity game in aid of “The Push for Change,” with members of the St. Marys Volunteer Fire Department as well as representatives of Victims Services of Bruce Grey Perth also taking part.

The Push for Change is an initiative started by a 50 year-old man from Barrie who counts among his career experiences time as CEO of a successful multimedia company. But he also spent time as a teenager homeless on the streets of Vancouver.

“On May 1, Joe Roberts — a former street youth turned successful entrepreneur —began pushing a shopping cart 9,000 kilometres across Canada as part of a national awareness campaign to help end youth homelessness: The Push for Change,” explains the OPP news release.

The public is invited to join the OPP and firefighters on Saturday Feb. 18 between noon and 4 p.m. to participate in an “Educational Awareness Sleepout Challenge.” Free hotdogs and refreshments will be provided.

There will also be a free family skate between 2-3 p.m., followed by what is sure to be some exciting hockey action between members of the Perth County OPP and their rivals, the St. Marys Fire Department (known in various nearby jurisdictions as a “Guns and Hoses” showdown).

Admission for this event will be by donation directed to The Push for Change Foundation.

For information about The Push for Change, visit [www.thepushforchange.com/](http://www.thepushforchange.com/). And for information about services for homeless youth in the Stratford and St. Marys area, visit the websites of Bruce Grey Perth Victim Services ([www.vsbgp.com/](http://www.vsbgp.com/)) or

Stratford/Perth Shelterlink ([www.shelterlink.org/](http://www.shelterlink.org/)).



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