

Youth will be supporting Push for Change

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KAPUSKASING – On Feb. 15, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverside Park in the Town of Kapuskasing will be transformed into a homemade village in support of the Push for Change Campaign.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and some of our local high schools will be constructing temporary shelters in the park. The students will build the shelters themselves and experience a fragment of what it's like to be a homeless youth for a day.

The Push for Change is a national awareness and youth empowerment campaign focused on ending youth homelessness. From May 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017, Joe Roberts, a former street youth and heroin addict, turned successful entrepreneur, will be pushing a shopping cart 9000 kilometres across Canada.

This community event will raise awareness about risk factors and vulnerabilities affecting homeless youth while fostering positive connections between the OPP, youth, families, stakeholders and the community.

The OPP will have two police vehicles on site; one will be filled with food donations that will go to the local food bank

and the other will be filled with clothing donations which will go to local people in need.

We encourage all members of the community to attend this event, give food and/or clothing donations and show their support.

For more information about The Push for Change Campaign, to track Joe Roberts' journey or to give a monetary donation, visit www.thepushforchange.com.
