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OPP officers and members of the Corunna Community Policing Committee volunteered their time on Saturday to collect canned goods from people driving through their unique RIDE checkpoint for charity. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and people driving through received an ice scraper, a MADD ribbon and other literature and donated gifts from local businesses.

Volunteer RIDE check a hit

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The OPP did some RIDE-ing for for a good cause this weekend.

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police teamed up with the Corunna Community Policing Committee on Saturday to conduct their first RIDE program for charity.

The event, which received overwhelming support from the commu-

nity, took place in the parking lot of the Corunna OPP Station. People were encouraged to drive through the RIDE program and drop off canned goods, non-perishable food items and presents for Operation Christmas Tree.

In exchange for their efforts, drivers were given gifts donated by local businesses, in addition to literature from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. OPP Const. John Reurink, a board

member with the MADD Sarnia-Lambton Chapter, was pleased with the level of awareness the event created and the number of donations which came in.

Reurink said following the event about \$400 in donations, 270 kilograms of non-perishable food items and 30 individual unwrapped presents were received.

"We did really well," Reurink said. "We were quite pleased."

Reurink said he was approached by a number of people driving through the event who came out specifically to show their support for MADD.

"That was gratifying for me personally," he said, "knowing the public are showing their support."

The event was organized by OPP Const. John Vince and gifts were donated by Gerry's Pizza, Corunna IGA, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons and Kentucky Fried Chicken.