

Premier among volunteers helping Passover food drive

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Premier Kathleen Wynne helped pack Passover boxes Sunday at the National Council of Jewish Women office along with other politicians and 100 youth members from BBYO.

"It was amazing," said Glenda Ephron Cooper, chairperson of the National Council of Jewish Women's Toronto section Passover Food Drive.

But, she added: "We still need lots of money".

People can donate Passover food and/or

money to buy Passover food before delivery day, which is March 29.

Between 250 and 300 people dropped by to help out with the Passover boxes Sunday between 2 and 5 p.m.

This is the largest Passover food drive in Canada, Ephron Cooper said.

Michael Levitt is the new federal Liberal candidate for York Centre. He and David Zimmer, MPP and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs were among the volunteers who helped pack the 2,600 Passover boxes to be delivered to recipients in Thornhill, Richmond Hill and throughout the GTA.

Wynne was reportedly impressed by the

way so many people in the community come out to help. Elementary students came in groups to pack boxes, high school students earned community service hours by helping in the warehouse and supervising. Other volunteers help by sorting, driving, checking boxes, collecting food from allocated drop-off locations, devising the routing lists.

The food drive office is at the National Council of Jewish Women office at 4700 Bathurst St. in Toronto.

They were packing food for families or individuals, many of whom could not afford the foods needed to celebrate Passover.

The drive started March 15 and ends this

week, just before the delivery date of March 29.

The young people from BBYO were on a scavenger hunt to make their participation more fun.

YOU CAN HELP

Drivers are needed from 8:30 a.m. to noon. If you are planning on donating food, make sure it is kosher for Passover. Call 416-633-5100 for more information.

To donate or participate in another way, e-mail pfd@ncjwc-ts.org or go to www.canadahelps.org/dn/1713 or www.passoverfooddrive.org

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