

Market in the Square: A Good Friend Indeed

It takes a good friend to enjoy success both in life and, in the case of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels, to have a successful fundraiser.

Twin Cities Meals on Wheels found such a friend in Julie Paluchowski, store manager at Market in the Square in North Tonawanda. Julie enthusiastically agreed to have the store cashiers put TCMOW brochures in shoppers' bags and ask customers if they would like to "round up" their bill for TCMOW.

The drive netted \$2,193, a record, according to Julie.

"I think the total was so high because the organization is local and is supporting people in the community," Julie said. "In fact, I recently signed up a family member."

In addition Julie said people in the Twin Cities know each other and support an organization that they realize is a great service to their communities.

Curt Gaume, treasurer for TCMOW, agreed that people like to give to local organizations.

"We are amazed at not only by the amount, but that the store agreed so readily to the fundraiser," Curt said. "The money will be used for food and other items that will help keep prices doable so more people will enjoy good nutrition and a visit from one of our servers."

"As store manager," Julie added, "I need to give the community what they want. We're known for helping others, and besides, it's lots of fun."

Jim Burke, president of the TCMOW board, thanked Julie and her staff for such great support.

"We all need friends like these in our lives," he said.



GOOD NEIGHBORS: Getting together at Market in the Square following a successful fundraiser at the store are, from left, Jim Burke and Curt Gaume from Twin Cities Meals on Wheels, Yrma Brodfuehrer, cashier, and Julie Paluchowski, store manager.