

Thank you Kristina,

With your help we raised over \$400 for the Ottawa Food Bank and the Kanata Food Cupboard.

Most of the attendees agreed they learned something new and useful about financial security and estate planning. There were plenty of good questions for my guest, my team and myself to answer. We also raised awareness of the Kanata North BIA and businesses serving the area, including highlighting Temple's Sugar Bush during the draws. I also had your literature visible beside the business card display and will keep it for reference.

The message delivered by the guest speaker, Vlado Hajtol of Allan Snelling, was echoed by comments from one of the audience whose work as a health care practitioner makes her very aware of the challenges people face when not properly prepared. In my presentation, I shared things about my personal experiences that I rarely mention (as they relate to financial security planning). One question asked related to having extra money available should someone they care about become seriously ill – and the answer included a caution about age.

Wm Hughes, Catering & Concessions (Innovative Smokehouse Creations) provided tasty snacks and hot beverages for the event, with much thanks. Thanks also to the many businesses in the area that showed their support, including Alpenblick Farms, EmbroidMe, Olive Green Pizza, Luna Crepes and Café, Dream Cycles, Temples Sugar Bush and several more recognizable names like Cora's, Royal Oak and Lone Star.

My special thanks to Kevin Chapman, a volunteer with the Kanata Food Cupboard for being there to answer questions and raise awareness of the KFC. Special thanks also to Jenna Sudds, the executive director of the Kanata North BIA, for her support of the event and to Rick Chase, Chairman of the West Ottawa Board of Trade, who participated by drawing the winning ballot for the RSVP prize.

This fundraising event was to give back to the community (where I spent over 20 years of my previous career) because of the tremendous success I've found in my new career with Freedom 55 Financial. I am fortunate to have access to an extended team of professionals and specialists, helping entrepreneurs and people going through career transitions.

I gave away a limited number of Armour Sleeves with a sign-up sheet for purchasing more (check out a related article: [bit.ly/HelpingProtectEPP](http://bit.ly/HelpingProtectEPP)). I also had handouts to introduce financial planning resource links. I would be glad to share these with you.

*“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – Winston Churchill*

*Oprah Winfrey – “You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.”*

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