

Lady Jays food drive

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The weekend of June 1-3 will be the annual Lady Jays food drive in support of the daily bread food bank. The wives of the Toronto Blue Jays, like Brandy Halladay, will be on hand at Rogers Centre to collect donations from fans during the games.

Brandy and her husband, starting pitcher Roy Halladay, have lived in the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood for the past three seasons, and Downtown since 1998. She has participated in the food drive for nine years now.

Brandy and all the other Lady Jays invite fans wishing to make a donation to come to the game on June 1, 2 or 3, and bring non-perishable food items, or a monetary donation. The

ladies will be stationed at various areas around the stadium with tables and food donation barrels set up at five different gates.

Last year the Toronto Fire club helped out with the drive, and the ladies managed to collect over 45,000 pounds of food plus \$8000 dollars in donations.

Any fan donating \$5 in cash or food will receive an autographed player card, and for a \$20 donation, can receive an autographed hat, while supplies last.

In addition to the food drive, the Lady Jays do several other charitable works. "We do a lot of work at the hospital—go in and read to the kids. We've done some work with Alzheimer's disease. My husband and I do work with Sick Kids hospital personally," says Brandy.



Jays starter Roy Halladay and wife Brandy, a Lady Jay food-drive veteran..