

While putting up the office Christmas tree in North Battleford last year, one thoughtful SaskEnergy employee came up with an idea for a unique fundraiser.

Inspired by a co-worker who was battling breast cancer, she suggested that staff get a white tree and decorate it with pink ornaments that employees could purchase with a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society. They called it the "Tree of Hope."

The employee made pink breast cancer ribbon, which she sold for \$2 each. Staff could also purchase small ornaments for \$5 each or large ornaments for \$10 each.



To kick off the campaign on the first of December, the thoughtful employee also baked and sold homemade sugar cookies decorated with pink ribbons.

For two weeks, she and her colleagues collected donations from staff at the New Battleford office, as well as other district offices in Unity, Maidstone, Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Prince Albert and Tisdale.

By the middle of December, the Tree of Hope was beautifully decorated and the New Battleford office had collected \$600 in donations for the Cancer Society. Combined with a 50 per cent Health Match Grant from SaskEnergy, the group submitted a total of \$900 in support of breast cancer care and research.

Based on the success of last year's campaign, staff at the North Battleford office hope to make the fundraiser an annual event.