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Moms, kids bake up a sweet crusade

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The sugar rush is on. About 1,500 cookies are rolling out of Janet Hilson's kitchen this week, each one dolled up in sprinkles and icing sugar — and on one serious mission.

Half the money from every cookie sold will go toward the *Toronto Star* Santa Claus Fund, a charity that delivers gift boxes to children under 12 throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

The other half will help support a struggling family, as identified through Hilson's local church, St. George-on-the-Hill Anglican Church.

The cookie cavalcade officially began last Wednesday when local mothers came to Hilson's home to begin the long process of baking sugar cookies. By the weekend, they were ready for a platoon of children from Kingsway College School, working in shifts to decorate them. Hilson has already sent a

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About 50 participants brave sub-zero temperatures yesterday as they dash up Avenue Rd. during the first annual Toronto Santa Speedo Run. The organizer, retailer Running Free, promised the fun run would be less than a three-kilometre "blow" through Yorkville. All proceeds will go to the Toys and Games Fund at the Hospital for Sick Children.