

Ranked in top 50

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Although new to Langley, Driving Force has earned itself a reputation again as one of Canada's top 50 best managed companies.

The vehicle rental, sales and leasing company, which set up shop in Port Kells last October, has earned the accolades for the third year in a row.

The prestigious award is given out by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post and Queen's School of Business, to recognize innovation and management techniques.

Driving Force has earned this honour in past - in both 2006 and 2007.

This company got it start in 1978 as Grove Rental and Leasing in a small service station in Spruce Grove, Alta.

It now has 11 locations and more than 200 employees, in operations across western Canada, the Arctic, Albuquerque, and New Mexico, and according to company president and CEO Jeff Polovick, Driving Force is currently looking to expand its presence further in the Lower Mainland.

Even though the new crew in Langley can't be given much credit for the kudos, congrats all the same.

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Given that it's Valentine's season, and a time for warm fuzzies, I'd like to tell you about a local company that's doing a lot to help children with developmental challenges.

The Willowbrook Safeway is showing it cares.

As part of Safeway's We Care program, the store hosted a number of fund-and awareness-raising events recently, and is continuing those efforts in aid of the Langley Child Development Centre.

Last Saturday, staff and LCDC spent the day chatting with customers about the local non-profit agency. On March 1, volunteers will be holding a fundraiser in the store. Then on March 4 and again on March 29, the

grocery store is the place to be for hot dogs, a bottle drive and more.

Stop by, help out the charity and say thanks to store manager Collin Preston (who's having his head shaved March 29 during a Save It or Shave It fundraiser) and his team for showing they care.

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