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**FUNDRAISER FOR TRANSITION HOUSE:** Students at UNB's Neville House are getting ready for their annual Bed-Push from Saint John to Fredericton on Oct. 22. Students taking part in the fundraiser, to benefit Women in Transition House, are, from left, Kevin Goodwin, organizer Nick Ouellette, Jason Tucker, Craig Gallant, Derek Schroeder, Ryan MacIsaac, Margaret-Ann Blaney, minister responsible for the status of women, and Naz Ali.

## Bed-push benefit seeks donations

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Students of the University of New Brunswick's Neville House are gearing up for this year's Bed-Push from Saint John to Fredericton.

They say public support could help them beat last year's fundraising figures.

This year, the students want to surpass last year's \$20,500 raised, and so far they have reached the \$5,000 mark.

"People are so good to us and even offer us meals as we go door to door looking for financial support," said organizer Nick Ouellette.

Tim Richardson, past president of Women in Transition House, said

he's worked with students of Neville House for the past nine years.

"Each year, these students show an incredible display of community support and social responsibility," he said.

The Neville House Norsemen take it upon themselves to campaign against domestic violence, he said.

"They don't have to do that, but they do, and they set a good example," he said.

"It's incredible what the students have been doing for the women's shelter," said Margaret-Ann Blaney, minister responsible for the status of women.

"They do this year after year and that's a shining example for others and it sends a strong message ... Their commitment is extraordinary."

Ouellette said more than 100 students of the men's residence have begun campaigning door to door in Fredericton and Oromocto.

In its 12th year, the bed-push will launch from the Lancaster Mall in Saint John at 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, and arrives in Fredericton at the Boyce Farmers Market the next day at about 10 a.m.

Over the past 11 years, the fundraiser has contributed \$90,000 to Women in Transition House.

"The general public and the business community have been very supportive," Ouellette said.

"People recognize the bed-push as a worthy and valid cause, and because of this, the event could not be as successful as it is."