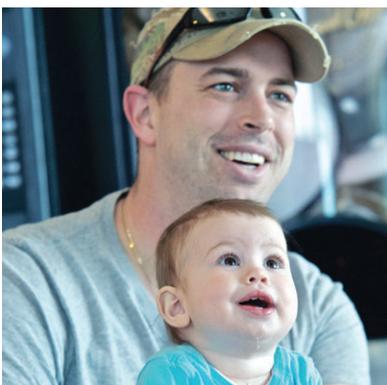




Claudia Lopez leads some moms, dads and kids in a Zumba class as part of the Family Day activities at the Gellert Centre.

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Chris Holiday and daughter Clair, 1, enjoy some time together.



David Pereira gets a photo of daughter Samantha, 20 months, and four-year-old Tyler Holiday as they colour together during Family Day activities at the Gellert Centre.

Fundraiser on Saturday to help buy wheelchair-accessible van for local family

Jadine Judy Peary Baldwin, the eldest of five children, arrived in a hurry on March 30, 2000, three months premature. Already frail, at 2 lbs, 13 oz, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

Challenges mounted as misfortune piled upon misfortune for the Georgetown family of Jason and Khadine Baldwin and their children Jadine, Jadin, Jacob, Jayce and Jayde. Scoliosis, coupled with issues involving Jadine's feet and spine along with muscle problems all required further surgery. Yet, no matter how difficult and painful the procedure, she endured with a smile. The family carried on like any other normal Georgetown family.

When she was a youngster, the task of breaking down the wheelchair to fit in a van, while physically moving Jadine into the vehicle, did not pose much of an inconvenience for her dad. But after breaking his back in a car accident that has become a challenge.

The family desperately required a van to handle a motorized wheelchair but did not have the means to purchase it. Fortunately, a few Georgetown residents stepped into the breach to provide the family with a properly outfitted van. It has served admirably, but the people who borrowed the money to buy it can hardly afford to carry



Jadine Baldwin (left) with Hayden Downes-Mills of Hayden's Re-Bicycling which is sponsoring the fundraiser at the Georgetown Community Church.

the payments themselves. In their hearts they recognized the immediate needs of the family, but now they themselves need assistance to pay off the loans they took out.

10 Thousand for Jadine, an event to help raise \$10,000 to help pay for a wheelchair accessible van, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2-6 p.m. at Salvation Army Church, 271 Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown. Exotic animals, live play by Inspire Halton, photo booth, games, and more! Details: www.haltongateway.ca/jadine. Adults \$10; children over 5, \$5. Tickets: Katie Downes, 905-873-4417.

Or make a donation by going to <http://www.gofundme.com/jadine>



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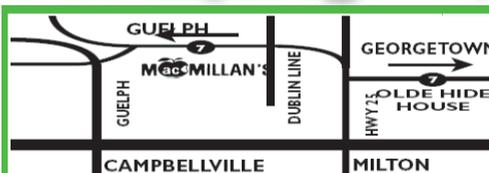
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