

United Way winning essays

The United Way announced Thursday the winners of its essay contest in Halton Hills.

Tracy Tabuchi from George Kennedy Public School was the Grade 3 winner and Meg Whitton, representing Park Public School, received an honorable mention. The topic they both wrote on was "how to make a sad person happy."

The Grade 4 winner was Katie Holmes from M.Z. Bennett Public School while Krista Smallwood of Glen Williams Public School was the runner-up. Their topic was "how to make our community a better place to be."

Karen Mathiasen received first prize, representing Glen Williams Public School while Stephanie James, also from Glen Williams, was second. Their topic was "how the United Way can make our community a better place to be."

The following are a selection of essays The Herald has agreed to publish written by the students.

Ways I can help my community

By Krista Smallwood

I'm going to tell you about some ways I can help our community and people in it. There are many ways we can help. One way I can help is by picking up the litter around Georgetown and Glen Williams. I would like to pick up the litter around all of Halton Hills, but I am just too small so I would make up posters to encourage people to stop littering and start to pick up the litter all around us. I can't do everything myself but if everyone gets together we can make a big difference. Another way I can help is by helping older people by doing things for them like doing the dishes, making supper, doing their grocery shopping or just sitting and cheering them up.

When I get older I'm going to be a volunteer worker at the hospital just like my grandma V. Haines.

How will the United Way make our community better

By Karen Mathiasen

The United Way is something most people don't understand. It's a large association which wishes only to help you. The United Way can make our own community a better place by having lots more people to believe in them.

Some people have never heard of the United Way, but all you have to do is in October when people come for sponsors just donate a little bit. Every cent will help.

Your money goes to many different agencies like 'Big Brothers or the Y.M.C.A.

Lots of children can take part in the United Way. The United Way helps all over the world. Imagine being stuck in a wheel chair. What would you do? If I were you, I'd phone one of the United Way's agencies such as The Red Cross. The United Way does help a lot of people in our community. Some of these agencies are the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross—they have swimming lessons, camps and lots of other activities for children.

There is also a Distress Center so if you want to play ball or any other sport you can 'phone the distress center and they can tell you almost anything. If you're feeling depressed you can tell them your feelings. They will not tell one single person. Other agencies will help a lot of people and do a lot of things for you family they are very helpful.

The United Way is very wonderful to take part in and your helping yourself also.

Fails to yield

Charges of failing to yield have been laid after an accident on Armstrong Avenue at 11:07 a.m. April 4. A Pontiac driven by a 62-year-old Georgetown resident pulled out from a private driveway and struck a castbound car driven by an 18-year-old King Street resident. Damages are estimated at \$3,000 on the Pontiac and \$1,500 on the second vehicle.

Support person Donna keeps 'em on track

When over 450 volunteers to the Cancer Society in Georgetown gear up for fund-raising efforts it becomes essential that someone is there to help them get organized and supply them with information and materials to make the campaign a success.

That's where Donna Irvine fits in.

Mrs. Irvine took on her responsibilities of staff secretary to the Cancer Society three years ago. Her efforts during the past three years have helped the Halton Cancer Society's annual April drive.

But Mrs. Irvine is quick to give the lion's share of the credit to the volunteers. "The credit really goes to the volunteers. I'm basically the support person," she said.

Mrs. Irvine is the resource person for the volunteers when they

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The brochures will also be available at the Georgetown and Acton Libraries, as well as at the medical centres.

For further information, contact the Acton YMCA at 633-1070 between 10-2 daily, or the Georgetown YMCA at 877-0183 every morning and Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

have questions to be answered or a need for more materials.

The Glen Williams resident puts in 15 hours a week in her office at 164 Guelph St. ensuring that patients' queries are answered and volunteers' needs are met.

Occasionally, a cancer patient will contact Mrs. Irvine seeking information on services available to cancer patients.

She has also put in some time do-

ing volunteer work, mainly on the difficult campaign. Her responsibilities as staff secretary take on various aspects of the campaign. "My roles tend to vary from year to year depending on the volunteers," she said.

She strongly believes there is a need to educate the public about the disease and her work allows her to gather some details needed

by those making speeches about cancer.

Mrs. Irvine's motivation for joining the Cancer Society was to do what she could for a good cause.

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