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## Families can be enriched through exchange program

Residents of the Georgetown-Acton areas may enrich their lives and the lives of four teenagers by participating in a student exchange program.

Sponsored by ASSE (American-Scandinavian Student Exchange) international, a non-profit group, these students would like to spend a school year in Canada, but they need caring host families.

Kristin Jonsdottir, age 15, applying from Iceland, enjoys all kinds of music, and she plays the violin. She is independent, likes the outdoors and sports like skiing and skating, and considers herself a typical teenager. Both of Kristin's parents are teachers.

Christen Lindebod, 17, from Denmark, is a sports enthusiast, and he lists tennis, skiing, badminton, sailing and windsurfing among his interests. He has an older sister and brother (who was also an exchange student in Canada) and he hopes to become a pilot like his late father.

Photography and riding are two important hobbies for Swedish-born Jenny Brinkberg. She also enjoys sports, music, and making friends. Jenny, age 18, lives about 20 km from Stockholm and with "nature just outside the door" she is glad she doesn't live in the city.

Ole Roed is a Norwegian who takes his studies seriously, and has "always been interested in technical matters." An avid glider student, he hopes to work some day in the air industry. Ole enjoys ski-

ing, water sports, photography and travel. Ole, who will be 18 in September, has one older sister, studying law at the university of Oslo.

These Scandinavians are all carefully screened and selected by their high schools and the ASSE organization. They have full medical and accident insurance, and their own pocket money for this special year in Canada. They also have a strong sense of adventure to become a member of a Canadian family, a student in a Canadian school, and a more broad-minded international citizen.

Your family is the final requirement, if you can offer a caring and considerate home for a typical teenager. These students have the same ups and downs and needs as Canadian young people, and perhaps your family will have the opportunity to learn about another land and culture when you reach out to one of them.

Mrs. Martha Lewis, the area representative for ASSE, has helped many students and families grow together, and her own family has hosted students from Iceland and Germany. One exchange resulted in an "outstanding" summer trip to Iceland.

Potential host families are invited to call Mrs. Lewis for more information and to set up an interview, at 873-2698. All sizes and shapes of families can qualify. They do not have to be exceptional - just caring.

## Cancer Society volunteers

# Drivers needed for patients

## Lifestyles

Cancer, one of the leading killers in Canada, can be beaten as the slogan goes, but more help is needed locally, according to the local branch. Barbara Johnson, past president of the Halton Hills branch of the Canadian Cancer Society said last week there is an acute shortage of drivers required to take cancer patients to large hospitals like Sunnybrook in Toronto.

"We just want somebody who cares, that's all," said transportation convener Jenny Tuffin.

But these caring people must also have a car. And they will be paid for mileage, said Mrs. Johnson.

Volunteers are "marvellous" people.

"You're giving up your time (as a volunteer) and that's very important, isn't it?" said Mrs. Tuffin.

Presently, volunteers are absent during winter months as they go on vacations. Some are retiring, at a rate too rapid to properly replace them.

Mrs. Tuffin said right now she is overtaxing her volunteers, when she says she knows they are "giving all they've got."

Cancer statistics are frightening. Some form of cancer will strike 94,800 Canadians in the next year, according to a Canadian Cancer Society Report.

"I don't want to stress the negative," said Mrs. Johnson. Her optimism is well-founded. The Cancer Society report also says, "more people with cancer are living longer lives. In the 1980s, one of every two patients under treatment will survive at least five years compared to one in five during the 1940s."

This information is encouraging, says the Society, that "reaches

out" to 3,000 urban and rural communities in the country.

While April is Cancer month, and the drives for donations and the famous daffodil contributions will get under way, drivers are needed now to take cancer patients to out-of-town hospitals for treatment.

While not everyone can fill this order, Mrs. Tuffin has faith that there are many "marvellous" people out there. "All volunteers are special people," she said.

Anyone interested in driving for the Cancer Society can call the Canadian Cancer Society of Halton Hills at 877-1124.

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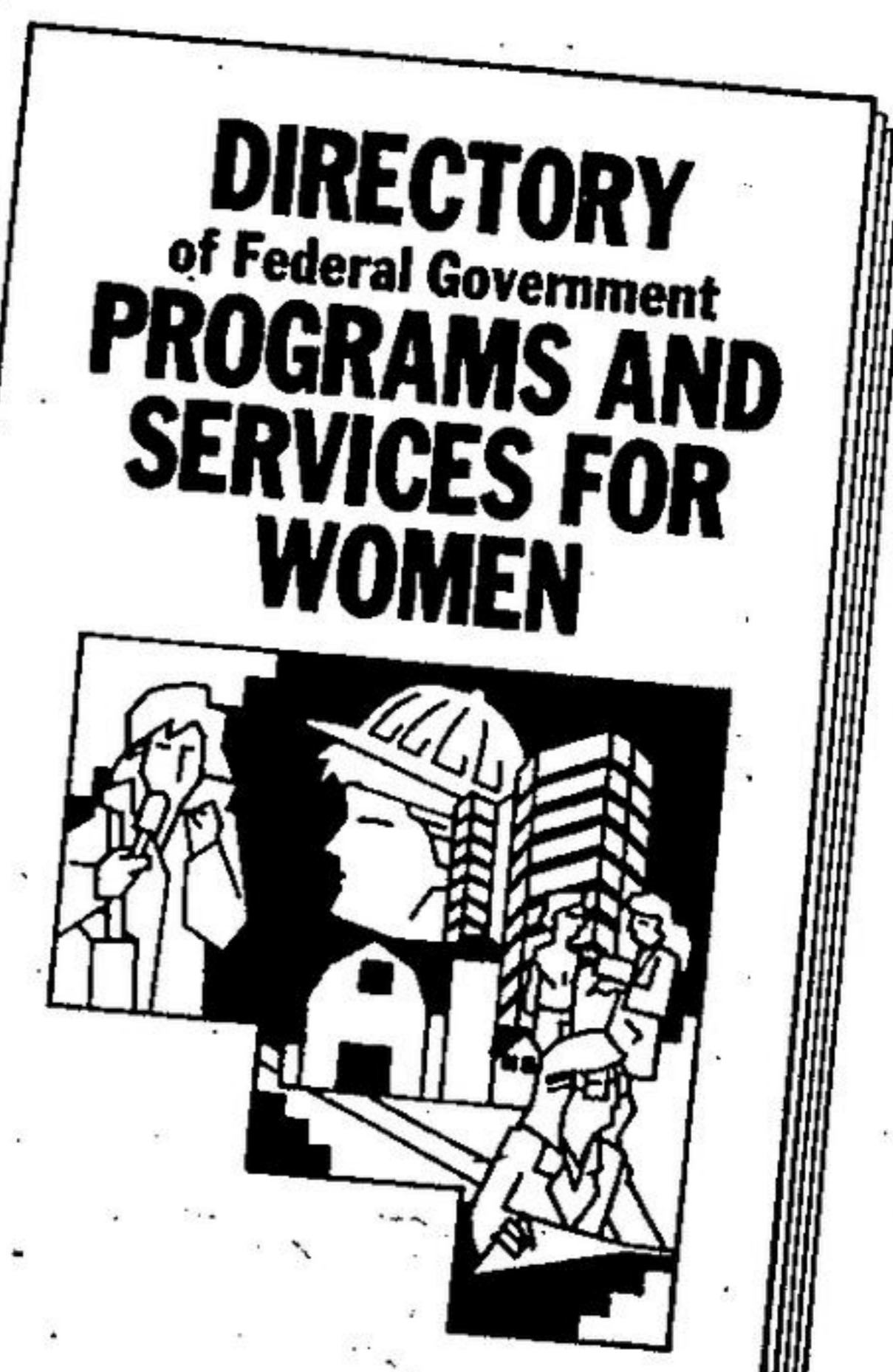
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