

Trip to Florida's Disney World was daughter's dream

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Not many people are granted their wish of a lifetime but for a Halton Hills woman and her seven-year-old daughter this is exactly what happened.

"Go away," is all Mary (not her real name) disbelievingly said when she found out her and her daughter had been chosen to go on a one-day trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

"My dream has always been to take my daughter to Disney World but I could never afford it." The trip marked the first time mother and daughter had ever been on an airplane. "Port Elgin (near Orillia) was the furthest place from home I'd ever been."

The trip was made possible by the Air Canada Dream Come True Project and the Halton's Children Aids Society.

The two were one of 70 pairs from across the province chosen for the trip.

Mary and her daughters - the youngest is five years old - came under the guidance of the Halton CAS after Mary discovered her children were being sexually abused by a trusted neighbor.

Mary said the trip has helped the little girl realize there are better things in life than what she has gone through. Before the trip "she had a real negative attitude about life."

The two were naturally nervous about their first ever flight. But for

her daughter at least it didn't take long to get over the jitters.

"I asked her how she liked flying in a plane and she said Mom what are you talking about, we haven't even left the ground yet. (Meanwhile) we were half way to Florida."

Air Canada employees had asked the CAS to choose children between the ages of 7 and 11 for the trip that they never otherwise would have been able to afford.

Others in this group included Mary and an Air Canada employee.

When the flight arrived in Orlando the press was there to take a picture of the group. "And after I returned home my friend said she saw me on the 11 o'clock news."

"The organizer and I were fascinated at how well the kids got along. It was like they had known each other for years."

The children on the trip had some sort of emotional and or physical problem.

One child had Downs Syndrome, another had lived with no parents.

while another was terminally ill, said Mary.

The children could do what they wanted. They took a tour of Disney World and visited such attractions as Frontier Land. But most of the time the kids wanted to go on more and more rides.



Heather Deaville and Mitch LeBlanc, co-owners of Silver Rose Jewellery, opened the business officially April 2. The store sells a variety of handmade and fashion jewellery. (Herald photo)

Silver Rose has fashion jewellery

If you're looking for new or trendy jewellery in Georgetown a new store tucked into the corner of Al-Marrah Studio on Guelph Street may have just what you need.

Heather Deaville and Mitch LeBlanc, both longtime Georgetown residents, have opened up a new store called Silver Rose Jewellery.

The store officially opened April 2 and response has been good so far, says Heather.

Silver Rose sells handmade jewellery, silver, 10 carat gold, wedding bands and semi-precious stones.

"A lot of things (the store sells) are new and trendy. A lot of it is very nouveau," says Mitch.

Silver Rose has jewellery made in Katmandu, Nepal, as well as India, Mexico, the Orient, and Quebec, says Heather.

Trendy watches with semi-precious stone bands are expected to be a hit, says Heather.

The couple decided to start the business after gathering up some money to invest. Mitch, a Metro Toronto policeman, and Heather got part of the name - Silver - from a restaurant in Toronto called Silver Rail. The Rose part is Heather's middle name.

The couple purchased glass cases from a former jeweller and set up shop in the corner of their artist mother Shirley's studio on Guelph Street.

Silver Rose offers quick service on requested items because Mitch's job means he's in Toronto a lot, the pair say.

The two have access to an experienced watchmaker and an appraiser. Silver Rose can also get diamonds quickly for those who want a share of glitter.

Silver Rose can also get your jewellery engraved, Heather says.

Silver Rose Jewellery is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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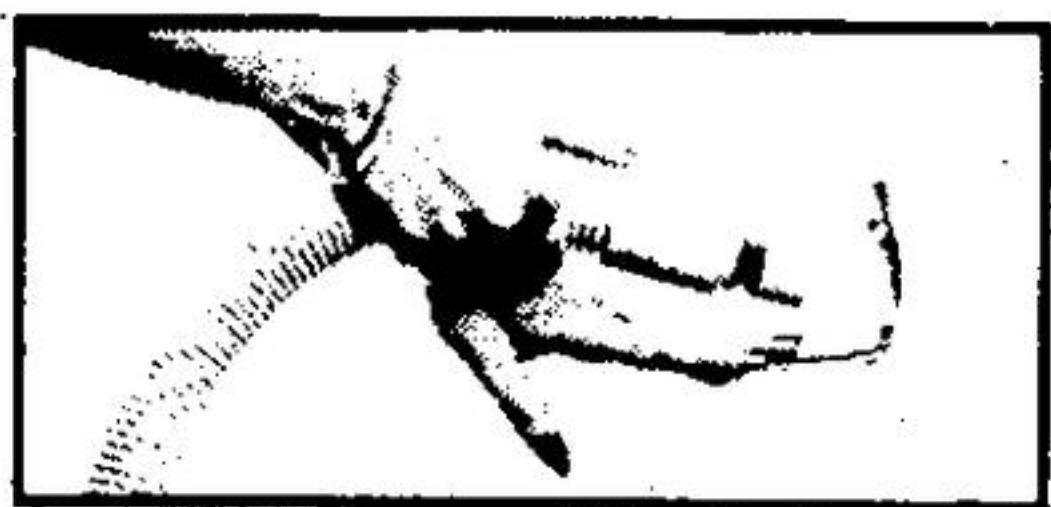
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