

Boyce earns Mighty Oak honour from ErinoakKids

Georgetown's Lauren Boyce was one of seven award recipients at the Erinoak-Kids Foundation's inaugural Pride and Joy Awards ceremony held Wednesday (Nov. 17) at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga.

Boyce, 27, was given the Mighty Oak Award in recognition of her tireless fundraising work and advocacy on behalf of ErinoakKids. The Georgetown woman, who suffered a childhood stroke, spearheaded a fundraising walk from Georgetown to ErinoakKids in Mississauga for several years.

The other recipients ranged in age from 3-19.

"These exceptional young people not only provide an opportunity for the community to embrace them and their amazing achievements, they challenge us as a community to look at disability differently, and they offer hope and inspiration to others facing similar circumstances," said Anissa Hilborn, President, ErinoakKids Foundation. "They represent the thousands of children and their families who rely on the treatment, rehabilitation and



Hockey personality Don Cherry gives Georgetown's Lauren Boyce a hug and the thumbs up after she was given the Mighty Oak Award at the ErinoakKids Foundation's inaugural Pride and Joy Awards ceremony.

support services provided by ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development."

Famed hockey personality Don Cherry and his daughter Cindy hosted the event before a full house of 250 people.

ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development, the largest of 20 Children's Treatment Centres in Ontario, offers a comprehensive range of treatment, rehabilitation and support services to children with challenges in Peel, Halton and Dufferin counties. The Centre will serve approximately 9,500 children with disabilities and their families in 2010-2011. Currently, 2,200 children are on the wait list for services.

Allstate accident study shows Georgetown drivers improving

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In fact, driving anywhere in the GTA is worst than most others in the province: nine of the 10 worst communities are in the GTA while the other is Barrie.

The communities with the highest frequency of collisions were all within a 45-minute drive of Toronto— Ajax was 49th, Maple 48th, Thornhill 47th and Toronto 46th.

Overall, Ontario drivers had a 2.2 per cent decrease in the frequency of collisions compared to the previous year.

The study, which examines collision claims from the past three years, excludes claims for vandalism and minor fender-benders and draws no conclusions on the reasons behind the findings.

"Allstate Canada's Ontario Safe Driving Study revealed a slight improvement in Ontario's drivers," said Tony Irwin, official spokesperson for Allstate Canada. "Governments should be asking themselves and the public what can be done in their communities to continue to improve the safety of our roads."

Georgetown ranked highest of all Halton communities in the study for safe driving. Burlington ranked 30th (4.8 collisions per 100 cars), Oakville 34th (5.1 collisions per 100), and Milton 39th (5.3 collisions per 100 cars).

Alex Hall, Toronto West agency manager for Allstate, said they believe that most collisions can be prevented.

"Eight out of 10 collisions are caused by distracted drivers," said Hall. "This means texting, talking on your cell phone or checking on your baby in the back seat. Those all distract drivers from the road."

"The data tells me the more likelihood for a collision is someone who lives in a large community and commutes further to work."

He said the extra time commuting provides "more opportunity for distraction."

Hall said he hopes publicizing the study gets people talking about it, and asking themselves if they can drive more safely.

"December is our worst month for collision frequency. In our mind people aren't aware of the road conditions," said Hall.

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