



Acton Villa Soccer Club

More than a Kick in the Grass!

Register on-line and
get details & updates from:

www.actonsoccer.org

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR:

- Youth Outdoor Soccer: Summer 2011
- Adult Co-Ed Gerry HatTricks: Summer 2011
- Adult Men's Recreational: Summer 2011



CONTRIBUTE to SOCCER in ACTON
Opportunities for:
Volunteers for Coaching and Official Tasks
Paid Referees (we provide training)

Office: 519-853-8317

E-mail: registrar@actonsoccer.org

**Early Bird Discount of 20%
Ends January 31st, 2011!**

COMPETITIVE SOCCER:

E-mail repselect@actonsoccer.org for details:
Competitive teams for Boys who become 12, 14,
or 16 in 2011, or Girls who become 9 or 17 years old.
Tryouts will be Feb 26, Feb 27, and Mar 6
for all teams.

BUSINESS LINK

Spotlight on Volunteer

By Cor Baarda, CMA, Knowledge Management Enterprises

Jamie Schumacker wasn't born a volunteer – his upbringing just made him one. As a teenager, Jamie volunteered for both the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation (special to him, since his dad passed away from a stroke when Jamie was eleven). Jamie started volunteering with Junior Achievement when he was going to university, after going through JA himself in high school. Jamie married Cydney Sherry just before he turned thirty and they have three children.



Jamie Schumacker

As a 6 year volunteer with the Chamber, including two years as Chairman of the Board, Jamie brought with him his passion for youth and education as a way of giving more back to the community. Jamie is now on the Board of the Halton Learning Foundation, supporting youth programs in Halton Hills. He still helps with the Chamber of Commerce whenever there is a need. Jamie has a passion for the Halton Hills community and is looking to expand his

focus to other community services. Jamie and Cydney manage their oldest son's rep soccer team and Cydney volunteers with their children's school and is also a volunteer Community Food Advisor with the Region of Halton. Obviously, volunteering is a family affair – and a great way to make the community you live in yours!

Can YOU live on this?

By Tracey Wellon, TY Virtual Assistant

\$585 a month? That is what a single man age 31 on an Ontario Works Supplement receives.

Rent	\$475.00	Shared accommodations
Telephone	\$ 36.00	Cell phone
Personal Hygiene	\$ 20.00	Toiletries, toilet paper
Clothing	\$ 30.00	Laundromat
Misc.	\$ 10.00	Bank fees
Food	\$100.00	Not provided by food banks
	<u>\$671.00</u>	<i>\$86 shortfall</i>

Ontario Works will provide a monthly transit pass. But, what happens if you live where there is no public transportation and the only mode of transportation is a taxi: not covered. What about medications, cleaning supplies, and clothing: not covered. Have a dental problem? Find a local dental school. Can't see? Glasses will be provided. Don't have food? What about the local food bank?

This was a brain storm activity at the Halton Leadership Summit on Poverty Reduction. We, as representatives of the Chamber Board, couldn't make it work. But the expectation remains that \$585 is sufficient to sustain a person and they are obliged to make it work.

What happens when it is a family? Parents go without, just so kids don't.

Look around at the people at work. Chances are someone in your company is going without. In reality, most people will pay their rent and other fixed costs first. Necessities such as food become a "discretionary" expense.

There are government agencies out there that try to help people survive. Different agencies provide different programs. BUT*, there is no liaison between them and the expectation is that they stand alone and don't always know where to send people for additional assistance. A person is expected to approach each agency in the hopes that they are eligible. Yes, these are proud educated people that need help just to survive.

Life should be about more than just surviving!