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House fire leads to grow op discovery

Two Georgetown men are facing charges after a fire in a Rexway Dr. home last Wednesday led to the discovery of a marijuana grow operation.

Firefighters were called to the blaze that resulted in about \$325,000 to the home about 10:15 p.m. A man had suffered smoke inhalation and burns because he had gone back into the house to attempt to extinguish the blaze.

An investigation by the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal determined the fire originated in a basement rental unit in the home. During the investigation a small marijuana grow operation was discovered.

Halton Regional Police Service were contacted and the Service's Arson and Regional Drug Units jointly investigated.

Search warrants were executed at the home and approximately three pounds of marijuana was seized.

Charged with arson by negligence, possession for the purpose of trafficking and production of a controlled substance are Jamie Lake, 31, and Richard Price, 35. They are to appear in Milton court on June 6.

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An \$18,000 donation from the Milk-Bone It's Good to Give program will mean that nine-year-old Acton boy Austin Daleman (at front) who has autism will get a service dog similar to Tesla pictured here likely next year. On hand for the donation to National Service Dogs Saturday at the All About Pets Show in Mississauga were from left, Kimberly Doyle, of Milk-Bone's It's Good to Give program, Austin's mom Patricia, sister Sasha and older brother Isaac.

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Thanks to Milk-Bone program **Autistic Acton boy to get service dog**

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

An Acton boy will be welcoming a fully-trained service dog into his family following a donation by Milk-Bone's It's Good to Give program.

Nine-year-old Austin Daleman, who has autism, and his family were at the All About Pets Show in Mississauga Saturday for the presentation of an \$18,000 cheque that will go to National Service Dogs to cover the costs of his dog and training. Austin is expected to receive his dog sometime next year.

"It's going to make such a difference," said Patricia Daleman, Austin's mom. "The dog will allow him to have a larger scope for his life."

National Service Dogs (NSD) has enriched the quality of life and enhanced the independence of more than 220 children and families living with autism across Canada since 1996.

The dogs help children with autism by increasing their safety and alleviating the bolting behaviours common in autistic children as they act as an anchor when tethered to the child, improving a child's socialization and behaviour skills, creating freedom for the child and family members by allowing them to go out of the house safely and confidently, expanding a child's capabilities to experience more of life, and calming children, giving them an increased attention span and greater aptitude for learning.

Since the start of the It's Good to Give program in 2007, Milk-Bone has sponsored 16 autism service dogs for families across Canada.

The \$18,000 donation to NSD covers the breeding, raising and training for the dog, two weeks of intensive training for the family, school placements, follow-up support, and recertification testing throughout the dog's working life.