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Black ice blamed for crash

Crash victim's organs donated to four others

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A beloved teacher's tragic death last Thursday resulted in the ultimate Christmas gift for four people.

The father of Abby DeBruyn, the 23-year-old Acton woman who died as a result of a single-vehicle crash on 25 Sideroad in Milton Thursday (Dec. 22), says his daughter's organs were donated to four others.

Larry DeBruyn said his daughter's heart went to a young child on Christmas Eve. Her liver went to an adult, her kidney to an-

other adult and her pancreas and other kidney to another adult.

"We were told (of her wishes) by her closest friend; they had discussed this (organ donation) before," said DeBruyn. "Her donation has put meaning to this senseless accident."



ABBY DEBRUYN

Abby was heading to her teaching job at Hitherfield School in Campbellville about 8:15 a.m. when Halton Police said her Toyota ran off the road (between Fifth and Sixth Lines Nassa-

gaweya) and struck a tree. She was airlifted from the scene to

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Diesel is bullish on 2012

Diesel, the winner of *The Independent & Free Press'* recent pet photo contest, put on his best party face to wish all our readers and advertisers a happy new year. Diesel, owned by Dana Jenkins of Georgetown, reminds everyone not to drink and drive, especially during the holiday season.

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