

# Local youths recognized for efforts

Two Georgetown youths were recently honoured with Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year certificates of recognition.

Harnoor Gill, 14, and Hayden Downes-Mills, 10, were presented with their certificates by *Independent & Free Press* managing editor John McGhie.

The Ontario Junior Citizen Awards are held every year by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) to recognize outstanding young people, age 6-17, who have performed worthwhile community service, acts of heroism or are "good kids" making life better for others and doing more than expected for someone their age.

This year 176 young people across Ontario were recognized by the OCNA, with 12 of those being chosen as final recipients.

Gill, a student at Stewarttown Public School, was recognized for his numerous volunteer efforts.

Along with being a youth leader at Willow Park Ecology Centre, he is a member of the youth caucus of Protect our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.), writes for EcoKids of Earth Day Canada, is involved in various school groups and is on the Mayor's Youth Action Committee.

Other groups he has volunteered with include Halton Children's Aid Society, Big DADDY Festival, Georgetown BIA, Georgetown Fall Fair, Conservation Halton, Milton Regional Spelling Bee, Halton Hills Public Library and Volunteer Halton and its Change the World campaign.

Downes-Mills was honoured for his bicycle recycling program, which he began two years ago after his own bike was



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Top photo by Lisa Tallyn  
Bottom photo by Eamonn Maher



stolen.

After his letter, lamenting the loss of his bike, was published in *The Independent & Free Press*, Downes-Mills was inundated with offers of replacement bicycles.

The Grade 5 Park Public School student came up with the idea of finding children in town who did not have bicycles and providing them with bikes free of charge. In the past two years he has given away more than 60 bikes to others who either didn't have a bike or had theirs stolen.

He spends roughly 20 hours a week fixing and cleaning donated bikes before finding new owners for them.



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Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is inviting applications for an accomplished member of our community to serve on the Board of Directors. If you are a recognized leader with a significant record of achievement in your area of expertise, we'd like to hear from you.

Through an effective governance body Halton Healthcare Services' first priority is to understand the unique needs of our diverse communities. This well-connected individual must currently reside in the Halton Hills community and demonstrate an awareness of the specific issues and concerns facing this rapidly expanding community. This person will be both an active voice of the Board of Directors and a knowledgeable resource on the needs of Halton Hills. Demonstrated not-for-profit or corporate board experience and knowledge of the current healthcare environment are assets.

HHS is a dynamic network of three community hospitals located in Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville - each experiencing exciting capital redevelopment projects.

For Georgetown Hospital, a major redevelopment is underway along with the purchase of a new CT Scanner that will enhance service delivery and

expand resources for access to care. To support this effort, our Georgetown Hospital Foundation partners will be embarking on a major capital campaign.

In addition to this important project, HHS is proceeding with the much needed expansion to Milton District Hospital as well as the exciting new build of the New Oakville Hospital. With three major capital projects running concurrently, there has never been a greater need for strong community representation on our Board.

HHS has retained Promeus Inc., to invite nominations and expressions of interest to fill the upcoming Board vacancy. This advertisement is also posted on the HHS website at [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com).

If you have the passion and availability to reflect the face and character of our fast-growing and diverse communities, please send a letter of interest and enquiry by March 30, 2012 to Judy Mandelman, Promeus Inc. at:

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