

# Adam's parents say 'thank you' to the community

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Tracy and Dave Thompson are relieved Adam is home safe after disappearing one night.

An exhausted but relieved Georgetown couple, happy their 14-year-old autistic son who was missing for nearly 18 hours is finally home and safe, want to thank everyone who supported them and helped in the search for their boy.

Adam Thompson disappeared from his Belmont Blvd. home about 10:30 p.m. Sunday after a disagreement with his parents Dave and Tracy about a typical teen issue—homework and television.

After extensive searching by Halton Police, other emergency personnel and citizen volunteers the boy was found about 3:50 p.m. Monday walking towards Georgetown on the CN tracks by a CN rail worker near Heritage Rd. and Bovaird Dr. in Brampton.

Dave said Adam was checked at the hospital. He was sunburned and dehydrated, but other than that, he's fine. He had some fluids, "ate and ate like a teenage boy" and

has slept for several hours, said Tracy. Adam, who has Asperger's Syndrome, the mildest and highest functioning of the autism disorders, didn't realize the extent of the efforts to find him at the time, but he certainly does now, said Tracy.

The couple, who have two other children, is grateful to many people.

"Halton Police were outstanding," said Dave, especially "Const. Geoff" who was with them in their home around the clock since Adam left.

"He was incredible," Tracy said. They also want to thank all the officers who were working the night shift Sunday, Dave's "work family" Peel Regional Paramedic Services, Halton Emergency Services, Halton Hills firefighters, and all the people in the community who were out looking for their son.

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