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Shop 'Til You Drop with NHADH

By TED BROWN

Fund-raising at North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH) has taken a new twist recently.

Since late November, the association has been selling tickets in the "Shop 'Til You Drop Lottery."

First prize in the draw is a \$35,000 gift certificate at the Bay or Simpsons, with second and third prizes of \$20,000, \$15,000 respectively and \$5,000 for fourth and fifth prizes.

The gift certificates can be used on merchandise or services (travel, optical or haircare) and have no time limit on their use. In addition, they can be redeemed at any Bay or Simpsons store across Canada. Tickets are one dollar each or \$10 for a book of 11. They will be on sale throughout Halton Hills and Milton until the end of January, 1991. The draw will be made in Toronto, Feb. 15, 1991.

The lottery is being run through the Ontario Association for Community Living, (OACL) of which the NHADH is a member.

Net profits from ticket sales will be shared 50-50 by participating members of the OACL.

Tickets are on sale at Bay outlets, five Saturdays prior to Christmas, and at local businesses.

In Georgetown tickets are available from all Optimists members, Barrager's Cleaners, C&S Printing, and ReMax Suburban Realty Inc.

Acton Optimist members will be selling tickets in their area, and Realty World-McCruden in Milton has tickets as well. In addition, they are available at all NHADH program areas and the office at 62



Anne Sidebottom of NHADH dropped by the Civic Centre recently to sell Mayor Russ Miller a book of tickets in the "Shop 'Til You Drop" Lottery. The lottery is being run as a fund-raiser for the association. First prize is a \$35,000 gift certificate, redeemable at any Bay store.

TED BROWN Weekend

Park Ave. in Georgetown.

The NHADH aims to sell 5,000 tickets in this area, and hopes to enlist the help of local service clubs and church groups to help with

sales and distribution.

Anyone interested in buying or distributing tickets can contact Anne Sidebottom at NHADH at 877-5557.

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Agency 'thrilled' with funding increase

A man who helps run an organization for mentally handicapped people is "thrilled" that his financially strapped agency

will get substantial funding from the provincial government.

Andy Rotsma, acting executive director of the North Halton

Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH), said the funding will help his organization grow to meet a need that is not currently being adequately addressed.

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan recently announced a \$397,790 subsidy for the NHADH. The money means the agency will expand services to help a further 22 adults with disabilities in Milton and Halton Hills.

The money is expected to buy the NHADH tangible goods such as four new vans and new equipment for its programs. But the intangible - independence - will probably be far more valuable to some registered with the agency.

Rotsma explained that the funding will help the organization beef up its independent living program, one that assists developmentally handicapped people reside on their own in the community.

The new money means 16 more adults will be served through the independent living program.

And six more will be brought into other NHADH programs, many of which focus on getting people out of institutions as much as possible and into either day or residential programs with more scope and focus.

The funding represents a 10 per cent increase over last year's transfer payment from the Province, Rotsma said.

But that still leaves 22 people on the agency's waiting list and he's "fairly certain" there are at least 28 more in Halton who could benefit from NHADH programs, but haven't registered with the organization.

Although programs have been expanded, the organization has, over time, accrued a debt of approximately \$119,000. While ongoing financing pays for current programming, it does nothing to whittle down that deficit, said Rotsma.

In hopes of getting more money from the community, the NHADH has hired a full-time fund-raiser.

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