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COMMUNITY

Youth volunteers recognized

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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette made a pair of appearances in Georgetown and Acton last Thursday to recognize youth recreation volunteers helping out with the town's summer recreation programs.

The mayor was joined by councillors Bryan Lewis, Michael Albano and Bob Inglis at the Acton Community Centre and Gellert Community Centre for certificate of appreciation presentations.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of this community," said Bonnette in a release. "The Town's summer volunteers have been wonderful assets to the Town's programs. And in turn, I trust they have had a rewarding experience and gained skills, talents and strengths that will help them in their future endeavours. Of course, it's my hope that they will become lifelong volunteers and



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Mayor Rick Bonnette and councillors Bryan Lewis, Michael Albano and Bob Inglis were on hand at the Gellert Community Centre in Georgetown to present certificates of appreciation to youth volunteers involved in the town's summer recreation program. Pictured here in no particular order are Andrew Zammit, Ethan Adema, Olivia Thomson, Rachel Durham, Tamlyn Stewart, Ressa Gladwish, Josh Totten, Connor Chandler and Matthew Irwin.

continue to give back to the community," he added.

McDonald's of Halton Hills generously provided items for each recipient presented along with their certificates of appreciation from the town.

"The Town of Halton Hills has more than 90

youth volunteers involved in Recreation and Parks summer camps and aquatics programs. Collectively, they have contributed over 6,260 volunteer hours leaving a positive impact on thousands of children and the community," added the town in the release.

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Limited finances mean many kids get left out

Kylie is 14. Her father is terminally ill with cancer, just two years after her mother passed away.

Kylie is now living with her grandparents, who are on a fixed income. Kylie is struggling with the stress of her father's illness and uncertainty about the future.

Participating in the school trip this fall would be an opportunity for Kylie to enjoy learning in a

new environment and forget the stress of home for a couple of days, but her grandmother has told the school they don't have the means to pay for it.

A Back to School donation to the Halton Learning Foundation can ensure students like Kylie can be included in experiential learning activities such as field trips this school year.

Not every student in Halton has the chance to go back to school shopping. For about 1 in 10 students in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills, school supplies, new clothing or the opportunity to go on a school field trip are luxuries they simply cannot afford.

The Halton Learning Foundation provides emergency funds and subsidies to students of the Halton District School Board to keep kids in school and engaged in learning.

To donate to kids like the one featured above, call 335-3665 x3408 or x3388, or donate online at www.haltonlearningfoundation.ca

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