

Halton Hills cyclists have raised more than \$300,000 for Georgetown Hospital

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Cyclists taking part in the Halton Hills Bike Challenge have reached their goal for 2017, earning another \$45,000 in support of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

It's the fifth year in a row those taking part have reached the challenge's annual goal, bringing total funds raised for the hospital over that time to \$308,500.

"These funds are used to upgrade equipment to provide the best possible health care in our local community.

The Bike Challenge has be-

come one of our most important fundraising events," said Jennifer McNally, Director of Development with the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

The Halton Hills Bike Challenge is an annual initiative by the Bicycle Friendly Community Committee. The first bike challenge attracted 800 participants, doubling to 1,600 by 2016. This year saw 2,174 cyclists take part.

Each year, businesses offer up pledges to be donated to the hospital should the program meet its annual goal.

In 2017, the committee chose a virtual tour across Canada, setting a goal equal to the length of all paved roads across the coun-

try - some 416,000 kilometres.

"What better way to celebrate Canada 150 than to do a virtual tour of every road in the country? We ran the Bike Challenge as a national travelogue starting in Whitehorse, Yukon and then down into British Columbia and onward province by province to the Atlantic," said councillor Jane Fogal, who also serves as chair for the Bicycle Friendly Community Committee.

"The (Halton Hills) Bike Challenge is unique. I have seen other bike challenges but our format is different from all others. The norm is to ask the participants to seek donations and the point is to raise money for a charity."

"Our bike challenge does not ask the participants to do any fundraising. We do that in advance but make the donations contingent on the community doing the cycling. No money changes hands until we reach our goal," added Fogal.

This year's pledges totalled \$45,000 with donations coming from:

The Bicycle Friendly Community Committee's mission is "to get more people on their bikes and inspire them to ride farther than ever before."

An event and cheque presentation ceremony open to all will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at Ollie's Cycle and Ski (30

THIS YEAR'S PLEDGES TOTALLED \$45,000 FROM THESE DONORS

- CN, \$25,000
- Georgetown Canadian Tire, \$5,000
- PwC Epic Tour Halton, \$5,000
- Superior Glove, \$2,500
- Generations Physiotherapy, \$1,500
- Giant Tiger, \$1,500
- Georgetown Chevrolet Buick GMC, \$1,000
- Young Dentistry, \$1,000
- CPI, \$1,000
- Betty D'Oliveira, \$500
- HealthSpan Wellness, \$500
- Dynamic Bodies, \$500.

Main St. S., Georgetown) to celebrate the achievement and recognize the generosity of sponsors.

Visit haltonhillsbikechallenge.ca for more information.

Public Notice

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WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH NORVAL 10 SIDEROAD TO NORTH OF NOBLE STREET PROJECT 06-4015

The purpose of this Project is to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and renew aging infrastructure. Once the project is complete, the community of Norval will see some noticeable improvements. We are committed to ensuring minimum disruption to your homes and businesses.

What are we doing?

- Intersection improvements at Guelph Street and Winston Churchill Boulevard (Adamson Street)
- Pavement Rehabilitation
- New concrete curb gutter and sidewalks through Norval
- Watermain replacement
- Streetscaping Features including:
 - Decorative street lights
 - Streetprint crosswalks for improved pedestrian safety
- Parking Lay-by along the west side of Adamson Street across from the St. Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall

Where?

- Winston Churchill Boulevard: 10 Sideroad to North of Noble Street

When?

- Start: October, 2017
- Finish: June 2018, weather permitting.

Who can you call?

- Gino Dela Cruz, Project Manager, Region of Peel - 905-791-7800, Ext. 7805
- Martin Larkin, Project Manager, Halton Region - 905-825-6000, Ext. 7614

Working Hours

- The Contractor's regular working hours are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Some activities at the Guelph Street / Adamson Street intersection will be scheduled at night to reduce traffic disruptions.

Traffic Control

- Winston Churchill Boulevard will be restricted to local traffic only.
- A road detour has been established (refer to detour map)
- Halton Regional Police will be present during lane closures at signalized intersections to direct traffic safely.
- Emergency access will be maintained at all times.



COMMUNITY



Darlene Sutherland Photo

On July 29, Callum and Ryan Biehn hosted a golf tournament at Eagle Ridge Golf Course to help fund the Zach Sutherland and Kaya Firth Resiliency Scholarship.

Inaugural memorial golf tournament for couple raises over \$13,000

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A golf tournament held in July has raised over \$13,000 for a young couple who was lost last year.

In February, the Sutherland and Firth families announced they would award a local student a \$2,000 scholarship, called the Zach Sutherland and Kaya Firth Resiliency Scholarship, to remember the couple who tragically passed away on the Credit River in 2016.

After learning of the scholarship, Callum and Ryan Biehn decided they would honour Zach and Kaya by holding a golf tournament, with all the funds raised go-

ing toward the scholarship.

After a final count, the event made \$13,500 to go into the scholarship, and a book drive generated 350 books to be donated to the Georgetown Public Library.

During the event, the scholarship recipient, Nathan Williams, accepted the award. Williams is currently attending Ryerson University for media production.

"It's these ripple effects that we didn't even consider a possibility that have been so heartwarming," Darlene Sutherland, Zach's mother, told the Independent. "Zach and Kaya would be so proud of their friends for helping carry on their legacy."