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GDHS football grad Cam Wilkinson switches gears for Laurier

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'You're a burden to the system,' says Halton Hills man

By JULIA LE
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Living in Poverty

A Special Report



Steven went from making \$160,000 a year to living on just under \$600 a month after utilities and subsidized rent.

The 57-year-old Halton Hills resident, who asked that his last name not be published, had worked as a mental health and addictions therapist in the Aboriginal communities of northern Saskatchewan for 15 years before the job took its toll on his health five years ago.

"It got to a point where I couldn't take it anymore," he said, describing how addiction and suicide completely surrounded him and the community. "I came home every night and cried for hours."

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Light my fire

Dave Maloney from Acton Legion officially lights the first fire in the restored wood fireplace at Acton Scout House Saturday. Looking on are (back) 1st Acton Scout Isaac Daleman, 13, Mike Lawlor from North Halton Stoves who did all the restoration work, George Henderson 1st Acton Scouts Group Commissioner and in front 1st Acton Cub Ethan Marrows, 8. Acton Legion donated \$5,000 for repairs on the Scout House, including the fireplace restoration.

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