

# Hayden's Re-Bicycling begins fundraising for permanent, bigger HQ

Hayden's Re-Bicycling program has grown dramatically over the years and in order to recycle bikes on a much larger scale it needs to make a move to commercial or industrial space.

The program, which provides free bikes to people who need

them, has given away more than 700 bikes since its inception four years ago.

Georgetown youth Hayden Downes-Mills started the bicycle recycling program when he was nine years old after his own BMX bike was stolen and he was over-

whelmed by the response from the community with offers of new and used bikes and money to buy a replacement.

Hayden wanted to assist other kids who needed bikes and he spoke with everyone who had donated a bike or money to him to

buy one and they supported his idea to give them to kids in need.

People donate bikes they're no longer using to the program and Hayden, his family and volunteers repair the bikes and give them to those in need. Bike Give Away Days are held Saturdays from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2 Cleaveholm Dr.—the family's home—where they run the program.

The program is now registered as a Not for Profit Organization. Some of their bikes have even been sent to Africa.

They currently have nearly 300 bikes waiting to be repaired and the family's driveway just isn't big enough to provide the space for the bikes to be fixed.

They have a temporary workspace provided by one of the program's volunteers but they have determined they need to make a move into a commercial or industrial space.

The bigger space will allow them to be open seven days a week and give them the space, time an opportunity to keep up with the demand for free bikes and the volunteers work and family schedules.

"This will mean selling some of the higher end bikes and hosting auctions for rare bikes and collecting sponsorships," said Katie Downes, Hayden's mom. "But we will never give up Hayden's initial premise for the program of giving away bikes for free for those who can't afford to buy them."

In order to make the move to the larger space so they can continue providing bikes to the less fortunate the program is seeking assistance from the community and holding a fundraising Murder Mystery Theatre event Friday, June 13, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Hall, 16 Adamson St., Norval.

Interactive Murder Mysteries will provide the show, the audience become the detectives, look at the clues, search the suspects, figure out who did it, how they did it and why. Mayor Rick Bonnette and Councillor Bryan Lewis will be helping out.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at:

- Hayden's Re-Bicycling, 2 Cleaveholm Drive, 905-873-4417.
- Salon Marcel, 1-71 Mountainview Rd. N., 905-873-7960.
- Hungry Hollow Smokehouse & Grille, 136 Guelph St #4, 905-877-1400.

All proceeds will go towards Hayden's Re-Bicycling move from the driveway to a commercial or industrial space in Georgetown so bicycles can be recycled on a much bigger scale.

For more information visit <http://haydensrebicycling.com/fundraiser.html>, Facebook.com/ReBicycling, Twitter.com/re\_bicycling or [www.haydensrebicycling.com](http://www.haydensrebicycling.com)



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## Halton Small Business Centre

### Starter Company

**Do you know a youth between the ages of 18 – 29 interested in starting a small business or expand an existing business?** Starter Company program is an entrepreneurship program geared to help youth between the ages of 18 – 29, by providing training and business skills development, mentorship and guidance from local business professionals and where eligible, a micro-grant of up to \$5,000 to help kick-start a new business, expand an existing business or buy a business.

General information sessions are held twice monthly. Please see below for schedule.

### Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs

**Starting a Small Business Seminar** A general overview of the things you will need to consider, along with the resources to help you succeed. Covers structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wednesday, June 11  
Milton Public Library, Main Library  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$25/person

Wednesday, July 9  
Halton Region Administration Building  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$25/person

**First Steps in Importing:** Understanding product-related regulations, suppliers and country of origin, financial aspects, logistics and other partners, customs documentation and clearance.

Wednesday, June 25  
Halton Region Administration Building  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$25/person

**Getting Started Information Session:** A one hour overview of all the rules and regulations you need to know if you are starting a business in Halton. Staff will guide you through a checklist for starting a new business. The sessions are casual, informative small groups of five or less.

Every Tuesday  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Halton Regional Centre, Small Business Centre  
Free, but registration is required.

**Canadian Youth Business Foundation (CYBF) – General Information Session:** A one hour overview of the CYBF financing program, including a review of the application process and evaluation and eligibility criteria. Canadian Youth Business Foundation provides financing based on character and a great business plan of up to \$15,000 for young entrepreneurs between 18 and 39 years of age who are looking to start their own full-time small business.

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in 2014  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Halton Regional Centre, Small Business Centre  
Free, but registration is required.

**Starter Company Program – General Information Session:** A one hour overview of the program, including a review of the application process and eligibility criteria. Starter Company program is an entrepreneurship program geared to help youth between the ages of 18 – 29, by providing training and business skills development, mentorship and guidance from local business professionals and where eligible, a micro-grant of up to \$5,000 to help kick-start a new business, expand an existing business or buy a business.

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in 2014  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Halton Regional Centre, Small Business Centre  
Free, but registration is required.

Registration and pre-payment for all seminars is required as seating is limited.

Contact us for more information and registration details for these events. Join our online community.

Get connected at [www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca](http://www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca)



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Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
*Mom & Dad*  
Gord & Carolyn Lane

Love Your Family, Debbie, Brinley, Patrick, Amanda, Brittany and Kendra; Christina, Donnie and Ollie. Please join our Celebration of Best Wishes at the Georgetown Legion on Friday, June 6 at 8:30pm.



By Cory Soal  
R.H.A.D.

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Me Your  
Ears

### WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR HEARING INSTRUMENTS? PART 1

Although hearing instrument technology has greatly improved over the years, the fact still remains that nothing can mimic the human ear. Due to the damage in your ears that is causing hearing loss, you will never be able to hear as well as a normal hearing person. Expecting results from your hearing instruments that cannot be achieved will only lead to frustration and dissatisfaction. By asking your hearing professional questions and describing your experiences, the optimum performance can be reached to match your expectations. The following are some facts:

- The extent of improvement to your hearing is directly proportional to the severity and the duration of your loss.
- The more severe the hearing loss the harder it will be for the hearing instruments to restore your hearing to near normal.
- The longer the duration of your hearing loss the harder it will be for your brain to adjust to the new sounds.

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