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## NEWS

Anita Bergsma spent much of last weekend with volunteers cleaning out this room and another storage area at the Optimist Club of Halton Hills. Her Chance to Play organization is looking for a new home base to store soccer gear for distribution to children worldwide.

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Eamonn Maher



## Chance to Play seeks new home

By Eamonn Maher  
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A Georgetown-based non-profit organization that collects and distributes soccer equipment for children around the world is looking for storage space after hurriedly having to vacate its current home base.

Chance to Play, founded in 2011 by local resident Anita Bergsma in partnership with the Georgetown Soccer Club, is a volunteer-run organization that has been using two rooms at the Optimist Club of Halton Hills' hall on Hwy. 7 to store soccer jerseys, balls, shorts, shoes and other equipment in recent months.

But the service club indicated that it needed the rooms for other uses starting Oct. 1, leaving the Chance to Play board of directors scrambling to find a temporary home for the gear that isn't already in Bergsma's garage.

Facebook friends have come to the rescue in the short term, she said, but a more permanent storage space of at least 400-500 square feet is required.

In the past five years, C2P has delivered soccer outfits and equipment to thousands of disadvantaged children in places such as northern

Canadian native communities, Tanzania, Kenya, Madagascar, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Philippines, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

"We're getting a shipping container together to bring to Honduras (later this month) and we'll be taking most of the stuff we have now with us for 2,500 kids there," said Bergsma, C2P's executive director, who operates her own cleaning business.

"We're always looking for more space to work with because we want this to keep growing."

There has been no shortage of generosity from soccer clubs across Canada with respect to donating the soccer gear to Chance to Play, but revenue-generating efforts, such as a crowdfunding website and an adult soccer tournament at Trafalgar Sports Park in May, didn't go as well as planned, Bergsma added.

It can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 to ship the gear in containers to its destination, an expense Bergsma says she sometimes covers herself, along with travel and accommodation.

The organization is looking for board members interested in the position of financial advisor. For more info, or to volunteer, visit the website [www.chancetoplay.ca](http://www.chancetoplay.ca)

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### Q: What are powers of attorney?



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