

GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB LAUNCHING RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

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A different perspective on an annual tradition has inspired the Georgetown Lions Club's latest effort to give back to the community.

A Lions Club member who plays a prominent role in the Santa Claus parade walked the parade route this year, rather than riding on a float. Moved by his interactions with the people he met along the way, he came to the club's next meeting with an idea.

While the club has always contributed to large projects undertaken by the library or the hospital, he was looking for a way to have a more direct impact on people's lives.

The result was the Random Acts of Kindness project, which the club is launching this month. The club has set aside money for each of the next six months and will kick it off in December by distributing Food Basics gift cards to families through Links2Care.

Lions Club member Doug Penrice said the idea was first proposed a little more than a week ago and was so well received, the club wanted to get it started it before Christmas. While they have not yet settled



Georgetown Lions Club

The Georgetown Lions Club is launching its Random Acts of Kindness program this month, teaming up with Links2Care and Food Basics to provide gift cards for families in need. Handing off the first gift cards are Lions Club members Linda Dilks (left) and Art Hayes (right) to Links2Care's Cathy Gerrow (centre).

on ideas for the coming months, he said there is no shortage of ideas. It may be a spontaneous, random act aimed at individuals or a targeted effort for people in need.

"We'll look at all the options, whether it's seniors or children in need," he said. "Some might be very low key, or they might be a little more public."

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This photo of a male, red-bellied woodpecker was taken in Georgetown recently. If you have an interesting photo taken in Halton Hills, email it with information and photographer's name to kmiceli@metroland.com.

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