## **GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT**



Nikki Wesley/Torstar

Halton Violence Prevention Council (HVPC), in partnership with Halton Women's Place and the Region of Halton, kicked off Woman Abuse Prevention Month at the Halton Region building with speakers including a survivor who shared her heartwrenching tale of abuse. They also launched Halton Women's Place's #youtoo campaign.

**■** LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## READER WILL REMEMBER NEEDY TEENS THIS CHRISTMAS

I promised myself almost a year ago that I would write this letter this year.

I remember scrambling to drop off gifts at Georgetown marketplace on the last day of the toy drive. I had arrived just as the volunteer was dismantling the cardboard barriers. I explained that I had some last-minute donations, and he excitedly asked me if I had anything for the teens.

Unfortunately, my answer was no. He explained that every Christmas it's

the adolescents who receive the least. Then he told me he was going to check with the mall office to see if any gift cards were dropped off.

He came back with a clear look of disappointment on his face and I knew the answer was again, no.

That's when I promised I would not forget the teenagers in Georgetown ever again.

Merry Christmas.

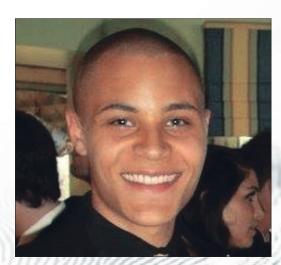
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## UNSOLVED:

## ONTARIO COLD CASES



**THIS WEEK:** News of found human remains brings mom to her knees.

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