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## Yard Waste Collection

### Important Information

- Please have yard waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day and no sooner than 5 p.m. the evening before.
- Use paper yard waste bags or a container with a yard waste sticker. To order a sticker, visit [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) or call 311.

### Help keep our compost clean!

When cleaning your yard, ensure only the right items make it into your paper yard waste bag or container. Yard waste is broken down into valuable compost and is used to improve soil quality. Follow these tips to keep our compost clean:

#### ✓ Acceptable yard waste materials:

- Pumpkins (remove candles and decorations)
- Leaves
- Sticks & twigs
- Decorative cornstalks
- Fallen fruit from trees
- Yard and garden trimmings

#### ✗ Unacceptable materials:



Plastic bags, including clear plastic, compostable plastic or soil bags



Plastic plant pots & trays



Grass clippings, sod, tree stumps, soil, clay or rocks

Yard waste can be dropped off year round at the Halton Waste Management Site for composting. Visit [halton.ca/hwms](http://halton.ca/hwms) for more information, fees and instructions.

### Halton Waste Management Site

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Open Monday to Saturday

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Remembering our nation's heroes

On Remembrance Day, we honour our nation's veterans for the sacrifices they made while bravely protecting our rights and freedoms. Canadian soldiers have helped protect civilians around the world and ensured freedom and security for citizens at home. We remember these soldiers and all those who gave their lives in the World Wars, Korean War and War in Afghanistan, as well as in ongoing peacekeeping missions and exercises. We also recognize those who provided essential support during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Canadian Forces Base in Trenton, Ontario and in long-term care homes. Thank you to our brave veterans and soldiers for your service.



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

### Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to [halton.ca](http://halton.ca).



Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

## BOOKS

# A CHARITABLE CHAPTER

## PROFITS FROM AUTHOR'S FIRST BOOK WILL SUPPORT HAITI ORPHANAGE

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It's been a long time coming for Amy Mazzuca to see her vision for a children's book come to life in tangible print and colour.

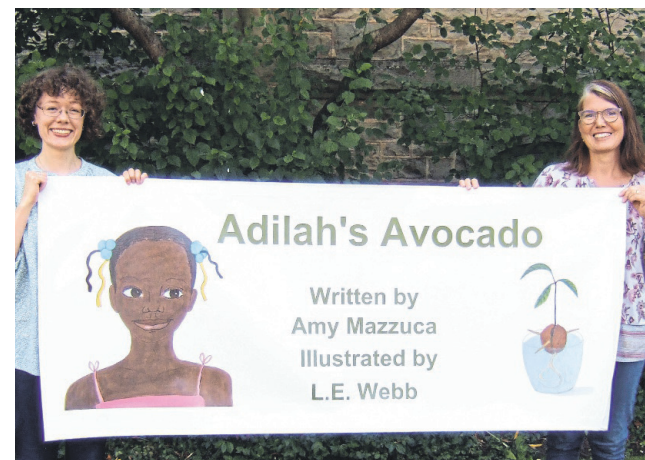
The Georgetown author recently debuted her first publication, "Adilah's Avocado," and is donating 100 per cent of her profits to the Welcome Home Children's Centre orphanage in Haiti.

"People are shocked that I'm willing to give all of the proceeds to this, but it's a gift from me to the orphanage," she said.

The story - illustrated by fellow Georgetown resident L.E. Webb - follows Adilah, a young girl from Haiti who was orphaned after the earthquake that devastated the country in 2010.

"Her aging grandmother is taking care of her, but she knows she needs to give Adilah better opportunities, so she sends her to Canada to be adopted by a woman who did a lot of work in Haiti," explained Mazzuca.

Adilah brings her mesh



Amy Mazzuca photo

"Adilah's Avocado" author Amy Mazzuca (right) with book illustrator L.E. Webb.

bag of Haitian fruit, including an avocado, to Canada to begin her new life.

"There's a lot of symbolism with the avocado," the mother of five said. "It's really the bridge that connects her old life and experiences with her new life and mom. The whole message is about hope."

While Mazzuca, who has been writing for the majority of her life, drew inspiration from a 2014 trip to the orphanage in Haiti, she said it's a fictitious story.

"It (seeing the orphanage) was beautiful and devastating all at the same time," she said. "It's a hard place to visit, but the kids are just so full of joy. After one day they were calling me and my daughter 'ma-

ma."

The Welcome Home Children's Centre has been near and dear to the Georgetown family for many years, with Mazzuca even splitting the hosta plants in her garden one year and selling them in a "Hostas for Haiti" fundraiser.

Unlike many orphanages, this one doesn't actually adopt children out, instead committing to raise them until they're adults.

For more on "Adilah's Avocado," visit [amypat.ca](http://amypat.ca). The book is available to purchase on Amazon, with signed copies available locally on November 21 at the Life Vine Christmas Market, to be hosted at Rockwood's Rockmosa Community Centre.



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