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Compassion Society of Halton Executive Director Aliya Khawari says the organization has seen a rise in the need for its services since the pandemic hit.

A HAND UP FOR HALTON'S VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

LOCAL CHARITY HELPING THOSE IN NEED THROUGH PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

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The voices of the needy come from every corner of Halton region, and Georgetown, Acton and its surrounding rural area are no exception.

Privy to the stories they tell of despair, loneliness, poverty and homelessness are people like Aliya Khawari, executive director of the Compassion Society of Halton, and her devoted group of volunteers.

Khawari knows only too well

these vulnerable, marginalized individuals present just as realistic a picture of the affluent region as the million-dollar homes and expensive cars. They may not always be visible, but they exist.

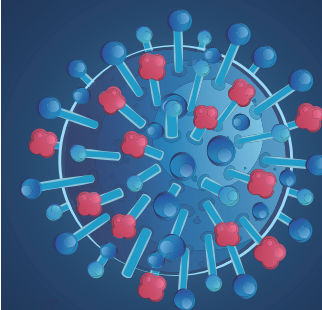
"I can't hear one more time someone saying that there is no

poverty in Halton," said Khawari.

Before their doors even open during the week, upwards of 20 families are lined up in the cold outside the Compassion Society's Burlington location.

They are not just the casualties of COVID-19; these are the chronically disadvantaged, peo-

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