



What's black and white, and read all over?



HOSPITAL FIREW

The community is invited to learn about hospital funding and alternatives to paid parking at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital

April 7, 1993 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Activity Room, Bennett Health Care Centre

Refreshments will be served

BE INFORMED... BE A PART OF THE PROCESS!

Cancer campaign officially underway

Canadian Cancer Society Units in Georgetown and Acton officially kicked-started their April campaigns this week.

The Georgetown Unit staged a campaign kick-off breakfast for local business people Wednesday at North Halton Golf and Country Club, while the Acton Unit got its April fundraising drive underway with a special chili supper for canvassers Thursday evening at Acton's Trinity United Church.

The daffodil has been adopted by the Canadian Cancer Society as its symbol of hope, but the yellow flower also plays a big part in the organization's April fundraising campaign.

Acton Unit coordinator Cathy Gerrow has ordered 10,400 of the blooms, while Elaine Chatten, chair of the Georgetown Unit's campaign, estimates that \$129,000 of their campaign goal of \$144,000, will be raised through the sale of daffodils.

The Georgetown Unit's April fundraising campaign got off on the right foot Wednesday morning, with the presentation of two cheques.

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion President Bob McNeilly presented a cheque for \$1,000, while his wife, Elizabeth McNeilly, President of Branch 120's Ladies Auxiliary, presented a cheque for \$100.

In both Halton Hills communities, the daffodils will be selling for \$3 a bunch and today (Saturday) canvassers will be out in full force.

The Georgetown campaign breakfast was a particularly poignant affair because of the presence of 18-year-old Christopher Stephen, a cancer survivor.

Christopher had been invited to address the breakfast gathering, but was smitten by the flu bug. His mother Jill filled in admirably for her ailing son, but felt he might feel



Christopher Stephen, 18, a cancer survivor, was scheduled as the special guest speaker at Wednesday's Georgetown Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society's '93 campaign kickoff breakfast. The flu bug prevented Christopher from addressing those in attendance, but mother Jill was a more-than-adequate stand-in. photo by Colin Gibson.

well enough to thank those in attendance for their support of the Cancer Society.

Christopher made his way gingerly to the microphone, started to convey his appreciation and thanks, then broke down, overcome by emotion.

It was a moment that touched the hearts of those in attendance and as the young man was comforted by his very supportive mother, the quite literal swell of tenderness that swept the room seemed to wrap him in a collective cocoon of com-

Christopher's story, as related by his mother, is one of grit and determination, coupled with bouts of pain and despair.

First diagnosed at six-years-old as having contracted lympho-blast a form of leukemia - the proverbial walls could have come tumbling

Instead, the Stephen family rallied around their stricken son and now - almost amazingly -Christopher has been assured he is cancer free.

In the intervening years, however, both Christopher and his family went through what could best be termed, 'Hell on earth''.

Chemotherapy treatments, radiation treatments, the dash from one cancer specialist to another; the required visits to various hospitals for yet another treatment, all played



on both Christopher's and the family's well-being.

In one instance, reacting to the pain of a particular treatment, Christopher lashed out and his mother - caught in the violent incident - received a gash to her abdomen.

Christopher is now an accomplished and recognized dancer, having appeared in amateur productions such as Bye Bye Birdie and Carousel.

His career aim is to a be a professional dancer and from what he has overcome so far in his relatively young and trauma-fraught life don't bet against the kid.

It was stressed at the Georgetown April campaign breakfast kick-off that Cancer Society fundraising activities are year-round activities.

The Edgar Thatcher-Victor Hanson production of The Spectacular New Age Vaudeville Show - incorporating professional and local amateur acts - completed its 3rd annual cancer fundraising endeavour this past February; the Classics for Cancer auto show will run again at Cedarvale Park June 20 (Father's Day) and on the following day, June 21, the Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament takes place at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, with proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society.

At the Wednesday campaign breakfast, Larry Scott, who donned many hats and many roles. expressed thanks on behalf of the Georgetown Unit for the support both money-wise and otherwise - to other supportive community people, including local artist, Linda Donais-Weir and Theresa Rodobolski, owner of Picture and Presents, located on Main St., in Georgetown.



Community Calendar

Noel Duignan (M.P.P. Report)

Change on Life

Focus on Europe

Sportszone

Germany Live

Weekly Programme Schedule

for the week of April 5th to April 9th

6:30

7:30

Friday

Monday 5:30 TV Story Time 6:00 Halton's Health Formal Fashion Show G.D.H.S. 8:00 Milton Figure Skating Club Tuesday 5:30 Religion

6:00 Optimists TV Bingo 7:00 Halton Hills Council (Apr. 5/93)

TV Story Time

Community Calendar

Money in the Bank

Halton Seniors' TV

Day of Champs

Wednesday

5:30

6:00

7:00

8:00

No Programming (Observing Good Friday)

Check Schedule daily on Cable 4

TBA = To Be Announced 853-1270 (recently recorded programming)

