

# Mike O'Shea brings Grey Cup to Milton

By DONNA DANIELLI

Milton Home Hardware and Building Centre customers got a sneak peek at one of the celebrities who will be attending the Chamber of Commerce's Sports Celebrity Dinner on January 18, 2005 when Toronto Argonaut Mike O'Shea came to visit.

Not only did Mike spend over an hour at the local hardware store, posing for photos and signing autographs, he also brought with him the Grey Cup itself, along with his three Grey Cup Championship Rings. He encouraged anyone who wanted to, to heft the cup in the air or try on one of the rings. Perhaps, he was reasonably confident that no one would even think of messing with the rings of the 6'3, 230 lb football star.

"I wasn't born and raised in Milton," says Mike, "but it's been a very easy transition. The town is very comfortable and welcoming." He is grateful to fans like Angelo De Medicis, owner of the Milton Home Hardware, not only because Angelo is an Argos season ticket holder and fan, but also because of the support and friendship Angelo has shown the linebacker since his move to Milton. Mike is also pleased to be taking part in the Sports Celebrity Dinner (of which Angelo is the Chairman) for the second year in a row. "It's great just to be involved in the community," says Mike of the town that has become home for him, wife Richere and their two children.

The Sports Celebrity Dinner will take

place at Glencairn Golf Club. Mike O'Shea will be joined at the dinner by fellow Toronto Argonaut Adrien Smith, as well as former Toronto Maple Leafs Lanny MacDonald, Darryl Sittler and Jim McKenny. Also appearing that evening will be 2003 Canadian Champion Harness Driver Chris Christoforou, 2004 CASCAR National Champion Don Thompson Jr., and Canadian Women's Hockey Team Goaltender and 2 time Olympian Sami Jo Small. Tickets are still available for the Sports Celebrity Dinner and more information is available by calling 905-878-0581.

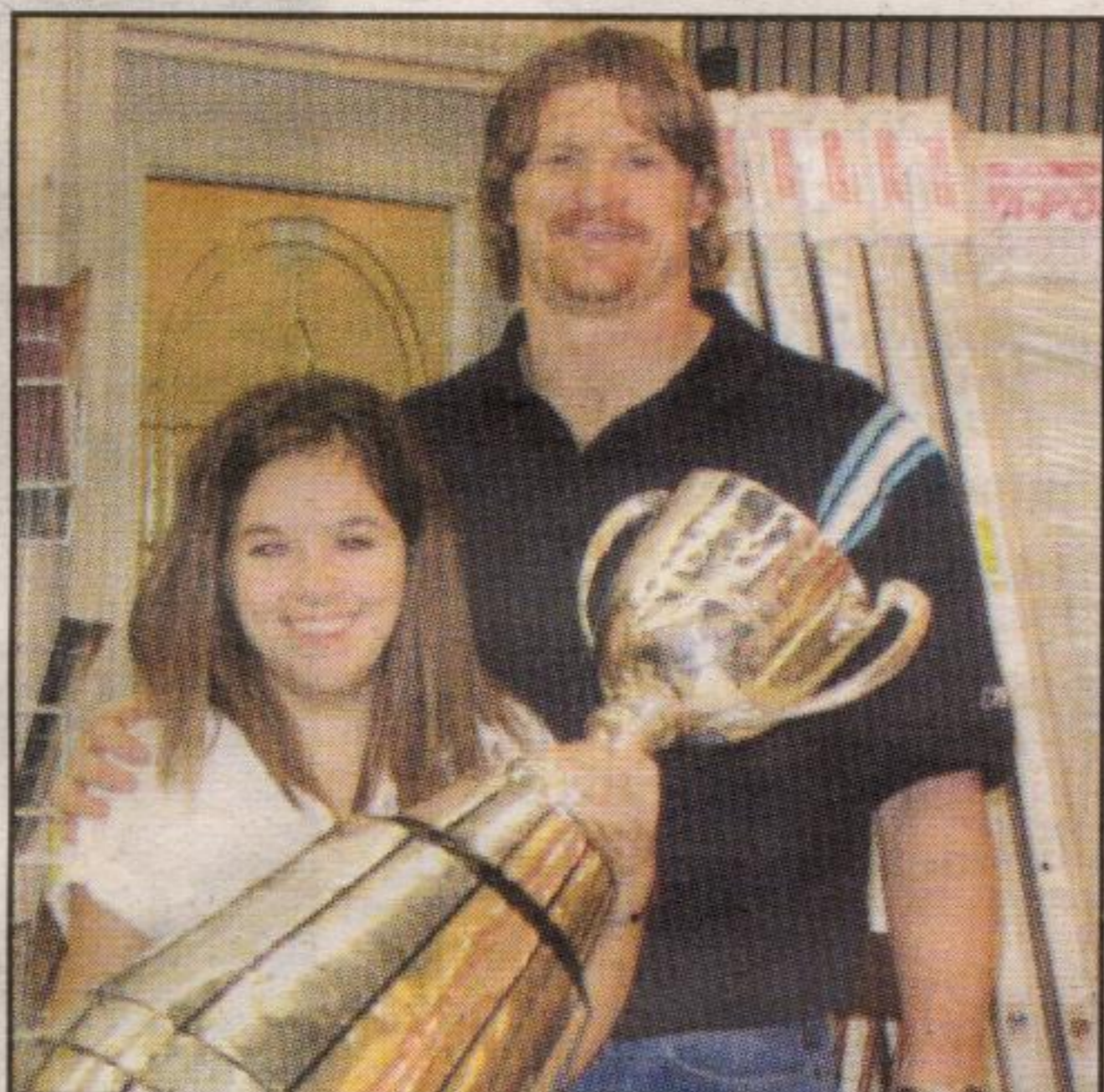


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He may be a giant on the football field, but Toronto Argonauts linebacker Mike O'Shea showed his gentle side to fans at a recent appearance at the Milton Home Hardware. He brought along the Grey cup and spent an hour patiently posing with fans, such as Avery Heaney, and signing autographs.

# The Gift of Warmth

By ELAINE THOMAS

Diane Crawford has enjoyed living in Georgetown for thirty years now.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Diane and her husband Bob, owning Georgetown Yarn & Crafts, on Guelph Street, and seven years since Diane came up with her idea to help give back to the community which has been so good to her.

In 1997, the Guelph Street business owner devised a plan that was put into action by not only Diane, but her customers as well. Crawford gives out free patterns to her clients, who in turn, knit or crochet squares, using donated recycled yarn, which is then sewn together to make warm, colourful blankets. Three years later, the project was expanded to include mittens. This year Georgetown Yarn & Crafts will be donating over 500 blankets and over 1000 pairs of mittens to local people in need.

This is a year-round project, and the goods are donated to both Acton and Georgetown branches of the Salvation Army, the Georgetown Bread Basket, Halton Women's Place, in Milton, and the Halton Hills Community Support & Information Centre.

Crawford is always looking for donations of leftover yarn and welcomes any new knitters or crocheters. She can be found at Georgetown Yarn & Crafts at 170 Guelph Street, or reached by telephone at 905 877-1521.

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