

Rockwood Youth Group raises money for Tsunami relief

BY DEB QUAILE

The youth group at Rockwood United Church, or as they like to call themselves, "The Fellowship of the RUC," didn't want to let the tsunami disaster go by without trying to support its disaster victims.

No strangers to charitable work, last autumn the youth helped their Outreach Committee create beaded necklaces and bracelets to sell for HIV/AIDS awareness and provide money for the United Church of Canada's Beads of Hope campaign.

This year the kids decided to collect pledges and donations so that they could get together at the church for a 24-hour fast. The money is earmarked for UNICEF Canada's Indian Ocean Earthquake Emergency Campaign.

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"Their goal was to hit \$1,000, which is not a low goal for only seven of the members," noted Brent Stiles, the Youth Group's Leader. "We wanted to do a fast from 1 pm Saturday, February 12 to Sunday, February 13." The money raised will help provide such things as emergency health kits, basic family water kits, or School in a Box, which compiles the basic education supplies for 80 children during a time of crisis.

The Fellowship members - Jamie and Alex Steinberg, Ana Marie Smelsky, Marissa Rankin, Danielle Dickinson, and Sheilagh and Stewart Quaile - and two adults, Brent Stiles and Deb Quaile, tried to forget about food for a while and drank only Gatorade, herbal tea and water. The kids set up a tent in the church hall to sleep in, watched movies, played board games, tried their skill at a game of magnetic darts donated by Rockwood Pharmacy, and created tie-dyed and painted T-shirts for the Fellowship of the RUC.

Marissa Rankin said that it didn't both-

er her too much to go without food during that time period because drinking lots of water helped.

"It wasn't too hard," Sheilagh Quaile agreed, "but the worst part was dreaming about food."

Perhaps Alex Steinberg pinpointed the cause the best, saying, "It's hard to get to

sleep on an empty stomach."

The Outreach and Christian Education committees at Rockwood United joined together to provide a well-received church luncheon for the youth and their supporters in spirit after the fast. The Fellowship of the RUC is pleased to announce that it raised \$1,437 in the 24-hour period.



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Happy hi-jinks: Seven members of the youth group, The Fellowship of the RUC (Rockwood United Church), are delighted to have completed their fast for tsunami famine relief. Back, from left to right: Adult helper Calvin Dickinson, Sheilagh Quaile, Danielle Dickinson, Alex Steinberg, and Brent Stiles, Youth Group Leader. Seated, left to right: Stewart Quaile, Marissa Rankin, Jamie Steinberg. Front: Ana Marie Smelsky.

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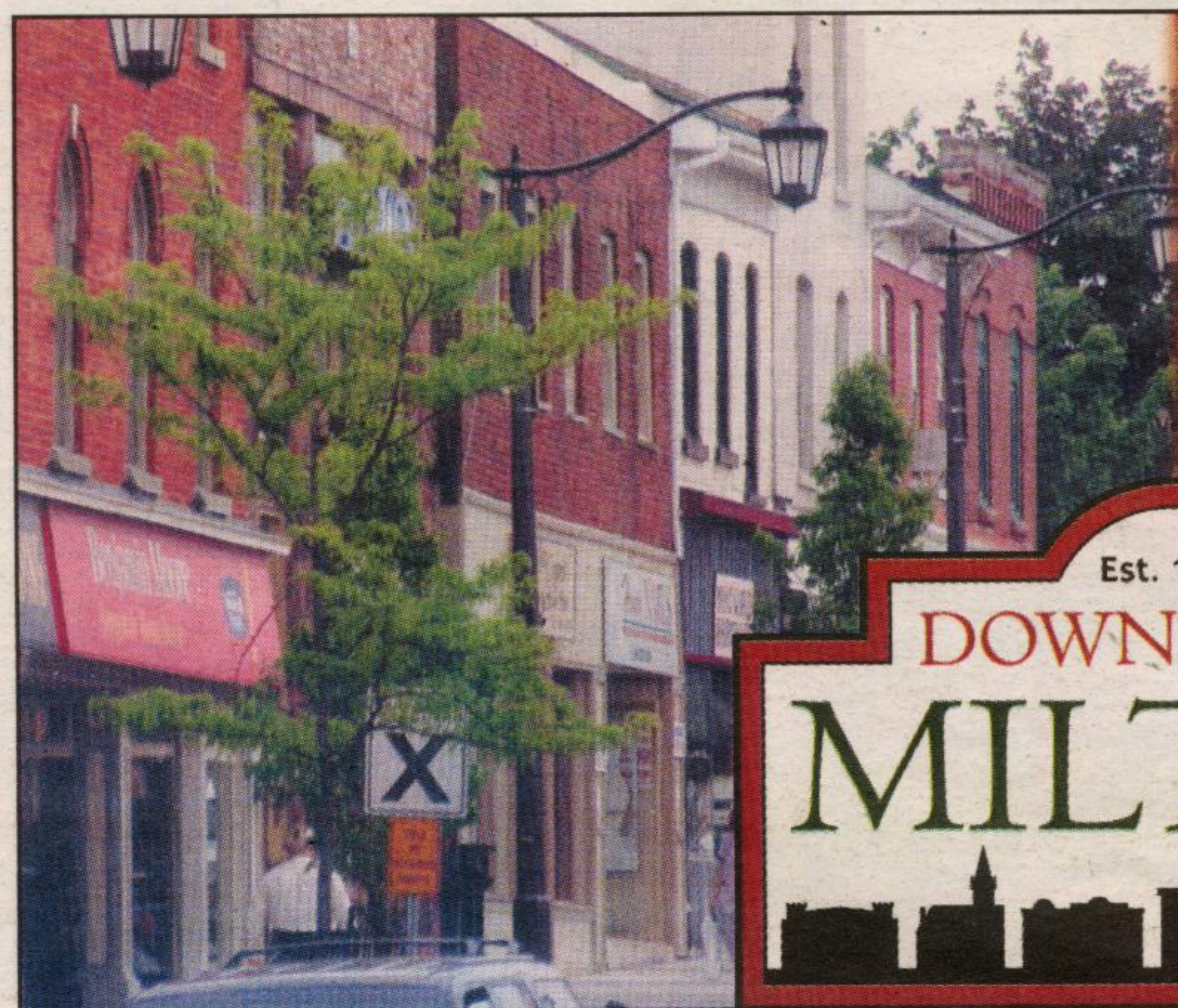
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