

# President's Ball kicks off United Way's campaign

The United Way of Halton Hills announced the beginning of the Millennium Campaign with their First Annual President's Ball at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Friday, Sept. 10, 1999.

The United Way has been in Halton Hills since 1985. With the population growing and the needs of the community increasing, the United Way strives to find new and better ways to meet the pub-

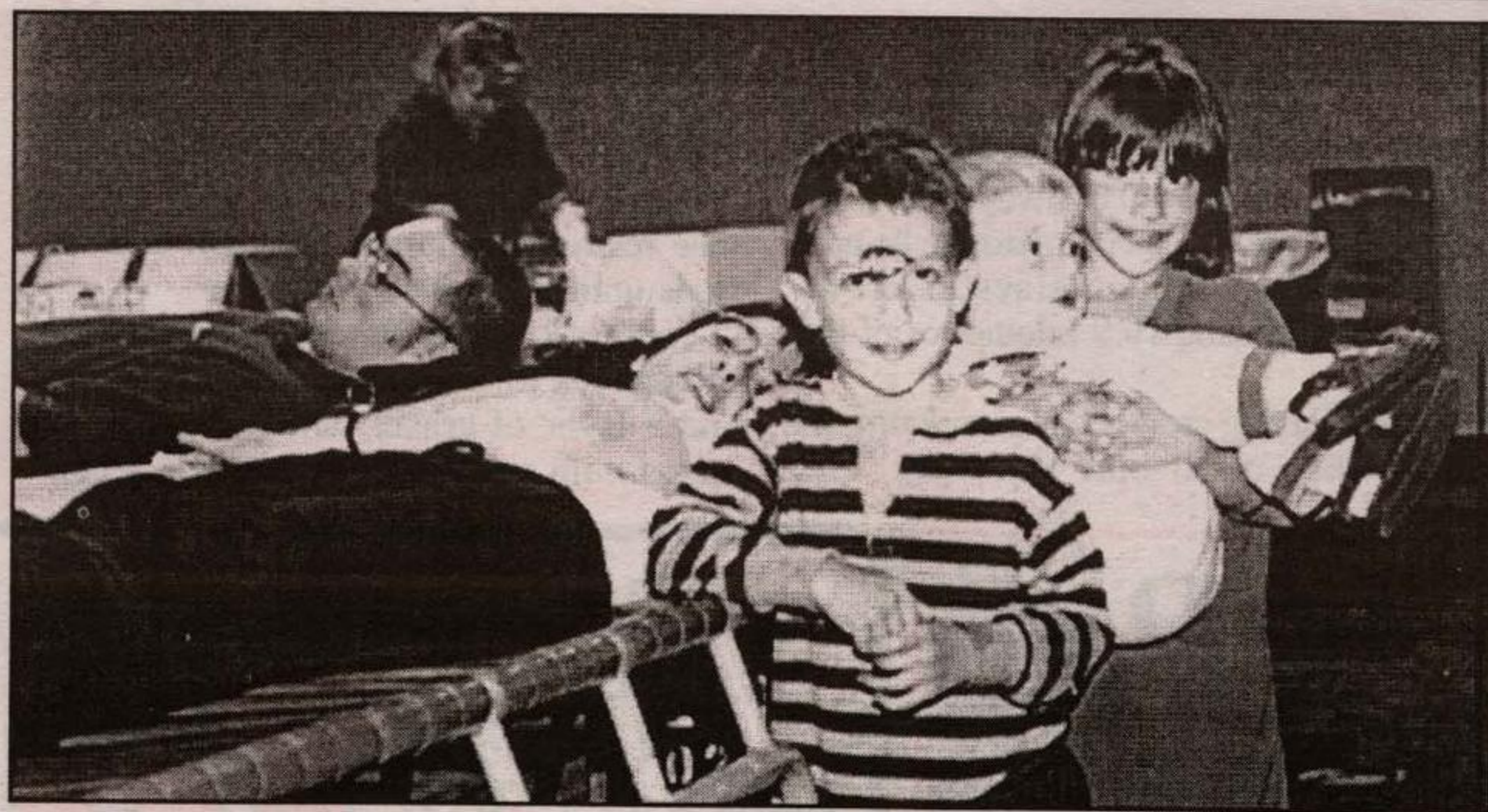
lic needs. This year's official launching, of the year of the Millennium. Fundraising Campaign, will be a formal and entertaining evening full of excitement and surprises.

North Halton Golf and Country Club will start by serving one of their gourmet dinners - the Medallions of Alberta High River Beef Tenderloin, "special orders for allergies and vegetarians won't upset us." Then the dinner will be followed by welcoming comments from Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, MPP Ted Chudleigh and our new President of the United Way - Eunice McGowan who will be officially starting our dance of a new era.

As very special guest, the Irish Dancers will enlighten everyone's spirits with a highly energetic and moving performance as you enjoy coffee and dessert.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. with the big band sound of Sal's Orchestra, who will be entertaining, throughout the evening.

The evening begins at 7 p.m., dancing at 9 p.m. Tickets are sold in advance for \$75 with proceeds to the United Way of Halton Hills, tax receipts available. Please call (905) 877-3066 to reserve your tickets.



**DEDICATED DONOR:** While mom Lynn Lafance of Acton gives the gift of life at last Thursday's blood donor clinic at the Legion, her children Andrew, 4, David, 2, being held by Margot, 7, wait patiently. - Frances Niblock photo

## Mad Cow disease fears cuts blood clinic donors

The chair of the Acton blood donor clinic is concerned a deferral of donors who have spent time in United Kingdom will have a greater impact on blood donations than anticipated.

While Canadian Blood Services officials predict they will lose three to four per cent of donors because of the deferral, Acton chair Julia Roehrig thinks that figure is too low.

"This is a pretty WASPy community and I think it will hit us harder than the Canadian Blood Services estimates," Roehrig said following last week's blood donor clinic.

When an autopsy revealed a former blood donor had Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease - the human equivalent of mad cow disease - an immediate recall of thousand of blood products was ordered and a ban issued for donations from people who had

spent time an accumulated six months in the United Kingdom since 1980.

Canadian Blood Services spokesman Brian Dixon couldn't estimate what impact that will have on Acton donations, but in Toronto it will mean approximately 5,200 fewer blood donations per year.

"A lot of the people that are affected are our more frequent donors - either they are from the U.K. or travel there regularly," Dixon said, adding there's been a steady decline

in blood donations at Acton clinics over the past few years.

"I know there was some concern at the last (Acton) clinic about the fact that we had reduced the number of beds to six and there were long lineups of people waiting for more than a hour. We had gradually reduced the number of beds from 12 to six over the past few years because of the decline, but we'll be back up to eight beds at the next clinic on October 21."

## Fair fund raising ...

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able to say what impact not having a building for next year would have on the fair until after this year's event.

"I don't think it would be real bad. It would be nice to have a building but if worse comes to worst and we don't,

it's still going to go. I think that the people who have donated money so far want to see a new building up and going for next year," White said.

American Chris Purtee, who captured the Canadian Elvis championship in Collingwood last month, will perform at a free show and already people are clamouring for tickets. During costume changes, Douglas Roy, the only Elvis impersonator invited on stage by Elvis to sing, will also perform.

The Society has \$150,000 in its building fund, including \$31,871 in donations and over \$3,000 from fund raising events staged so far. The Town has also committed \$25,000 to the new building and the Fair board is applying to the Town to forgive rental fees for various fundraisers that have been staged in Prospect Park in the past few months.

Town staff will present a preferred location in the park for the new building to Council next month.



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# President's Ball



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