

Halton approves funds for oral health of frail elderly

Halton Region Health Department is addressing the oral health needs of the frail elderly and adults with special needs through the Halton Oral Health Outreach program.

Regional Council has

approved funds to be distributed through a financial assistance program called Dental Care Counts to reduce the cost to adults with special needs and the frail elderly.

"We recognize that den-

tal health is an integral part of the community's overall health," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "Dental Care Counts is a program that is helping some of our residents to access dental treatment who previously could not access these services."

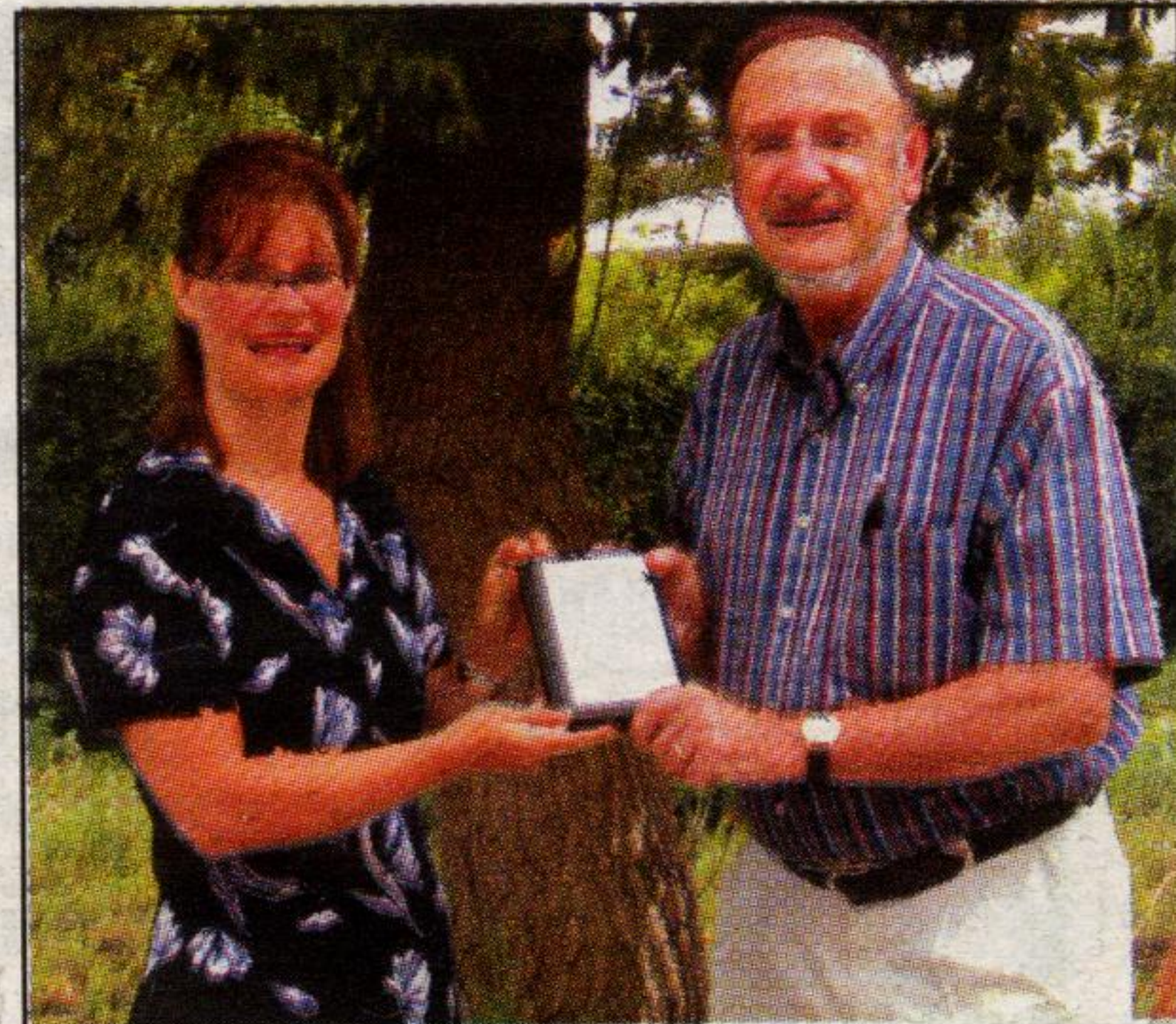
Financial assistance may be available to those who:

- have a dental need;
- have difficulty paying for dental treatment, and;
- have difficulty with one or more of the following activities of daily living (e.g. difficulty getting in and out of bed and the shower; going up and down stairs etc).

The Halton Oral Health

Outreach committee is looking at some modifications regarding the criteria for financial assistance. The Dental Care Counts program will be maintained, but the committee will look at making the program more accessible for low-income older adults.

For more information about the Halton Oral Health Outreach (HOHO) program, contact the Halton Region Health Department at 905-825-6000, toll free at 1-866-4HALTON(1-866-442-5866), TTY 905-827-9833, or visit the Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca/health.



LITERACY AWARD: Following Literacy North Halton's (LNH) recent AGM, The New Tanner accepted an engraved plaque for being a "Champion of Literacy" in North Halton. Amelia Steinbring, Training Coordinator for LNH, left, makes the presentation to The New Tanner editor Hartley Coles. - Photo by Sharon Foster

Climber seriously hurt at Rattlesnake Point

Another climber has sustained serious injuries while rock climbing at Rattlesnake Point in Milton Saturday, June 26.

Halton Police said Michael Stein, a 57-year-old Mississauga resident was climbing with a friend about 10:50 a.m. when in the process of installing a piton into the rock face the rock he was holding broke free. He fell approximately 12 metres (13 yards) onto the rocks below sustaining multiple fractures to his vertebrae as well as a fractured pelvis and heel. Emergency personnel took

two hours to lift him 20 metres up the cliff face in a basket.

He was airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital where he is expected to make a full recovery.

Staff Sergeant Robert Waller of Halton Police encourages climbers at this popular location to ensure they are wearing all the proper safety equipment as well as a safety helmet, a cellular phone and use the buddy system. Saturday's victim was wearing proper equipment and a helmet which police credit with "perhaps saving his life."



CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Off the Wall is hosting its first Golf Tournament!! Whether you're a good golfer or a duffer, the day promises to be one of great golfing, great food, prizes and lots of fun!! Join us on Saturday, August 14, 2004 for a 1pm shotgun start at Acton Meadows Golf Club. Cost is \$75 per person (includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, dinner and prizes). A silent auction will also take place at the event. For more information, or to register, contact Laura or Amanda at 519-853-9825. All funds raised will go to Acton's Off the Wall Youth Centre.

HHCSI NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Friendly Visitors are needed. Do you have one or two hours a week to provide companionship and conversation? There are several seniors in both Acton and Georgetown who are waiting for a special person to come for a visit or enjoy an outing once a week.

A Volunteer is needed to

deliver frozen meals to seniors in Acton, once a week on Thursday mornings. The time involved would be one or two hours a week, and mileage will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please call Marlene at 905-873-6502 or 519-853-3310

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Do you find that you are having trouble managing daily activities in your own home, but want to remain independent? Consider the Supportive Housing Program located at the Lakeview Apartments, 17 Elizabeth Drive, Acton. This program allows eligible seniors to live in their own apartment with the security of knowing someone is available to help.

Personal Support Workers are on site seven days a week to assist with such activities as bathing, laundry, housekeeping, meal preparation, medication reminders or safety checks. Please contact Stephanie at 519-853-9916.



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