

Children to campaign for UNICEF on Halloween

UNICEF collection boxes are being distributed to elementary students this week. For more than 43 years, the UNICEF Halloween collection campaign has been a trick-or-treating tradition in Halton Hills.

The 1998 goal is to raise \$4 million on Halloween night for UNICEF.

This year, there is a new program for preschoolers. At participating Rogers Video locations, parents can register their preschoolers to receive a collection box. Included will be instructions on how to send the money to UNICEF.

The coins collected by the youngsters are used by UNICEF to fund four areas of support: education, water, health care and nutrition, said Beth Berton-Hunter of UNICEF Ontario.

According to UNICEF, a donation of \$1 could be used to immunize 12 children against measles, or buy three packets of lettuce seeds to feed a community. Thirty-five cents will buy 15 vitamin A capsules, which can protect children from blindness. Seventy-five cents will buy exercise books for 15 school children, and 80 cents will buy 72 sticks of dustless chalk.

A little goes a long way, said Berton-Hunter, as the average collection box contains \$2 worth of coins.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Berton-Hunter at (416) 487-4153.

Haunted happenings in Acton

Acton is the place to be for scary fun this Halloween, October 31, 1-4 p.m. Children up to age 10 who are accompanied by an adult are invited to visit Acton's haunted house. Located at 45 Mill St. E., the house has been decked out in Halloween decorations and there will be spooky story readings from The Olde Book House, and face painting courtesy of Paintin' Friends. Sweet Dreams Cafe and Price Check Foods will be offering treats—not tricks—to the participants. Don't forget to come in costume to participate in the Best Halloween Costume Contest.

For grownups, author Terry Boyle will be signing his new book, Haunted Ontario, at The Olde Book House, 3-4:30 p.m. Boyle will recount the eerie experiences he has had at inns, hotels, and other haunted places right here in Ontario. Then join an informal tour leaving The Olde Book House at 3:30 p.m. for a tour of Acton's haunted spots. The Olde Book House is located at 44 Eastern Ave., Acton.

For more information concerning the Halloween festivities, contact the Acton BIA at 853-1031, ext. 274.

Young People are 'canning'

The Young People's Group of the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church will be canvassing Georgetown neighborhoods on Halloween collecting for the food bank.

If your home is missed or you would like to make a contribution, drop it off at the church, 11611 Trafalgar Rd. anytime Halloween evening.

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