

# TEAM allows young moms to finish high school

**P**regnant teens and young moms who want to finish their high school diploma, can join the TEAM (Teen Education and Motherhood).

TEAM, an adult and continuing education program of the Halton District Board of Education, provides an opportunity for Halton Hills area pregnant teens and young moms to continue their education. This free program is designed for teens and young moms to complete credits towards their high school diploma in a friendly and supportive environment.

Often pregnant teens or young moms no longer fit in with their old group of friends, nor can they cope with the demands required in the regular high school environment, says TEAM co-ordinator Donna Kerton.

"This is a good fit," she says of the small learning group.

Nicole Tellier, a Class of 2000 graduate agrees.

"When everyone around you is in the same situation, you have no reason to judge each other," says Tellier. "The kindness and sharing that takes place in the TEAM environment made it feel more like a family. From passing down clothes and baby accessories to dropping off homework assignments to carpooling, this is, by far, the best group of girls one school could ever have."

The half-day school, between

12:30-4 p.m. daily, accommodates the girls' now busy schedules and physical limitations. Along with the regular school subjects—English, math and business/computer—they are introduced to parenting and personal life skills management. Girls get an one-on-one teacher support, as well as support from outside programs such as prenatal, community kitchen and parenting support offered by organizations like the Halton Region Health Department. Other community groups can become involved too; for example, once the North Halton Literacy Guild provided tutoring to a student to help her achieve her diploma.

"We had great teacher support and also were given lots of community connections with Young Parents Support Group, Calling New Moms and many other valuable programs," says Class 2000 graduate Carol-Lynn Carpenter. "If any young pregnant girl or young mom needs to continue school she should go to TEAM."

All members of the Class of 2000 say this program has made a tremendous impact on their future.

"I attended TEAM for two school years," says graduate Tammy



**NICOLE TELLIER**

Dooley. "If not for this program I would have missed out on the opportunity of finishing high school while caring for my son. TEAM not only provided me with much support and encouragement for both myself and my son, it also provided me with hope for the future. Hope for our future.

"I am on my way to college this fall and looking forward to the many opportunities the world will offer. I couldn't have done it without this program," adds Dooley.

Kerton reports there has been a good success rate with girls graduating with their high school diploma and then moving on to college. In fact, in the class of 2000, three of the four girls are planning to start college this September; the fourth just had her baby a month before graduation.

If girls are on social assistance, the child care costs will be covered; limited subsidies are available for those not on social assistance.

"The child care facilities made being in school a lot easier because your child was left with trained professionals, who gave lots of tender loving care to each and every child," says Class 2000 graduate Sue McLean.

The program begins September 6, at the St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph Street, Georgetown. Registration is ongoing. If TEAM can help you or a pregnant teen or young mom, call Kerton at 873-9251 to arrange registration.

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2000 Speech Topics

1. Agriculture	2. Importance of Community Involvement
3. Acton Fall Fair	4. Any other approved topic

For further information or to sign up, contact Linda Robson 853-1591.

Contestants can sign up at the rehearsal on Thursday night.

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The families delight in announcing the marriage of Michelle and David on August 26th, 2000 at Appleby Chapel in Oakville. Michelle is the daughter of Cindy Lunau of Milton & Dwight Lunau of Oakville, and Granddaughter of the late Dr. Maurice & Jessie Lunau of Oakville. David is the son of Wayne & Ann Marshall of Guelph, and Grandson of Robert & Lil Marshall of Acton. Michelle and David will live in Guelph following a honeymoon in Mexico. Love and best wishes from all!

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