

raised more than \$4,200. They had hoped 75 people would come—117 showed up at St. Andrew's Church and many more donated in advance. Similar dinners have been held across Canada, under the name Breaking Bread for Women in Afghanistan. Most are held in private homes.

St. Andrew's United Churches

"Usually the hostess asks 10 friends to bring a dish and a cheque for \$75," says organizer Cheryl Broughton. "We thought, why not ask 75 women to bring \$10 each?"

Following an after-dinner speech about life in Afghanistan, most gave much more than \$10. To date, \$123,000 has been raised at more than 100 such dinners. Georgetown stands third in its support after Slave Lake and Oakville. All funds go to Afghan groups working for education of women and girls, in a country where 85 per cent of women are illiterate, women's life expectancy is 43 and where half the schools have no blackboard.

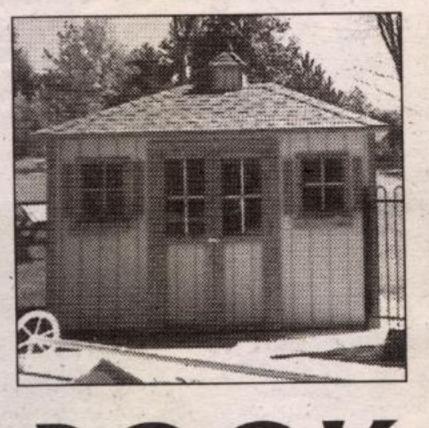
Three million Afghan children went back to school last year after the fall of the Taliban, but there were places only for only million. Grades 7-12 don't have textbooks. Most teachers aren't being paid; many girls' schools have been bombed or burned. Because they don't feel safe in the streets, many women still choose to wear burgas.

The dinner drew women from all over Georgetown and beyond, from churches, a book group, a yoga class,

and a drumming circle. Special guests, Fatima and her Manija,, who came to Mississauga from Afghanistan seven years ago, offered gracious thanks to donors.

A local women's choir treated everyone to the music of Carolyn McDade, to "an uprising of hope" and to what might happen "if every woman in the world dreamt a sweet dram of peace."

-By Janet Duval, special





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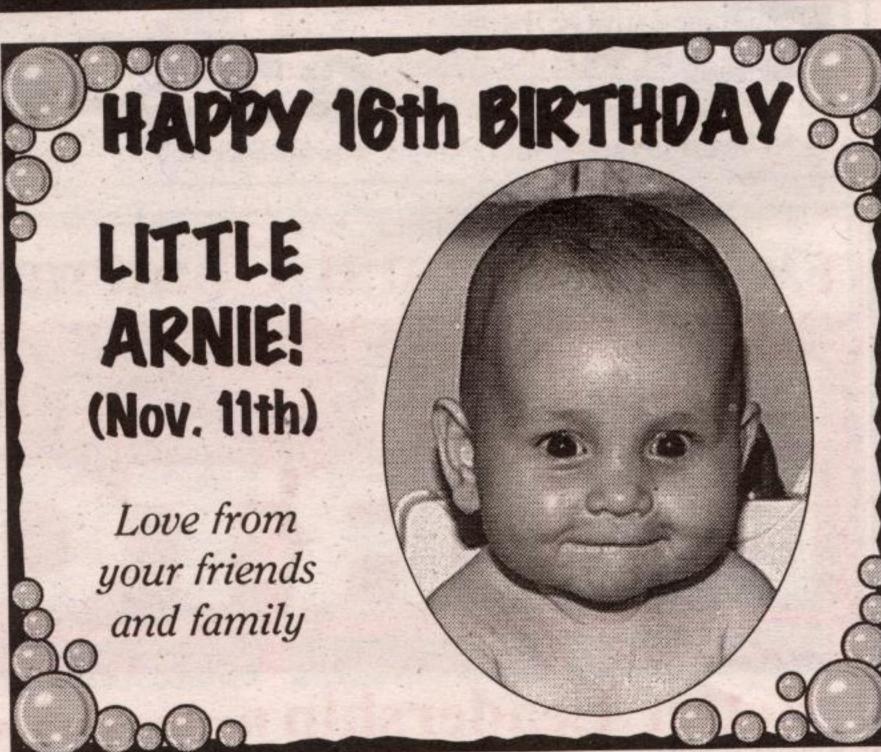


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The time of year when the Royal Canadian Legion asks that you wear a poppy in remembrance of those who gave their lives and those who were grievously injured during the two World Wars, the Korean War and the Peacekeeping Operations.

Your generosity in giving to the Poppy Campaign will enable the Legion to carry out the basic purpose and obligations of the Poppy Trust Fund which are:

•To give assistance to Canadian ex-service personnel and Canadian Merchant Navy personnel and their dependents, who are in need of such assistance.

•Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth and allied Countries who are resident in Canada.

Purchasing medical equipment and appliances for

community health facilities. ·Paying for medical research and training.

·Paying for bursaries for needy students.

•Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth or Allied countries and their dependents who are resident outside of Canada and are in need. The Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11th at the Cenotaph, Remembrance Park, Georgetown. Service commences at 10:45 a.m. with the silence at 11:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend at least one of these events and support the Poppy Campaign; your involvement is very much appreciated.

GLEN WILLIAMS - Sunday November 9th, form up at the School, 12:00 p.m., service at the Cenotaph 12:30 p.m. GEORGETOWN - Sunday November 9th, form up at the Legion 2:30 p.m., service at Remembrance Park 3:00 p.m.

Marion Carney, Poppy Committee Chair

Income from 2002/03 Campaign Expenses:

Campaign\$11,689.27

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