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Ontario Works Halton releases new video of success stories

ntario Works Halton has developed a new orientation video for all of its new applicants to Ontario Works.

The video features the stories of nine current and past Ontario Works participants, all of whom have succeeded in rebuilding their lives with the support of Ontario Works, its employment programs, and the ongoing commitment of Halton staff.

Ontario Works Halton is an employment program for people who are receiving social assistance. The goal is to get people back on the road to financial independence. Each year, Ontario Works Halton supports the needs of about1,400 individuals and their families.

The video shows new applicants that Ontario Works is much more than a financial assistance program. It outlines the wealth of job skills and employment placement programs available to them, and through the stories of the nine Halton residents, expresses hope and empathy.

"We are very grateful to the nine former and current Ontario Works participants who shared their experiences, on camera. It takes great courage and there is no doubt that their stories will inspire and help others in their own journey," said Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner, Social and Community Services.



'Just a little off the top, Patrick'

Patrick Bowman, owner of Patrick's Barber Shop, takes a little off the top for Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette while Bowman's wife Caroline looks on during the shop's grand opening. Patrick's is located at 146 Guelph St. and is open Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shop is closed Sunday and Monday.

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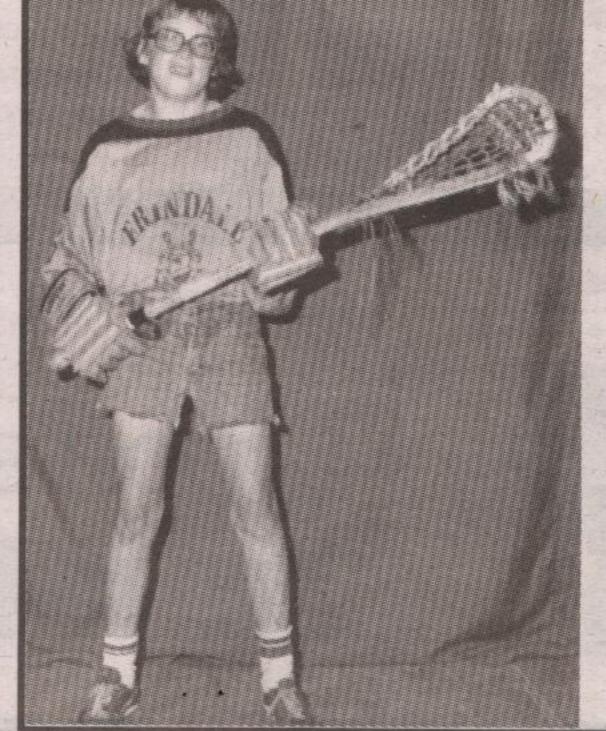
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