

Editorial

Lend a hand

They will need more than our thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks; they will need our assistance.

Our neighbours in the Deep South need to know we are ready and willing to help. They need to know they can count on us for donations of goods, services and money. They need to know that we care as much about them as for those stricken by the horrendous Boxing Day tsunami. They need to know they are not alone.

The coverage of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina can't possibly show the true depth of the raw emotion experienced by the victims of this violent act of nature. Katrina didn't just obliterate homes and businesses— she wiped out entire communities. She ripped apart families and tore gaping holes in the hearts of four states.

It will be weeks before officials will be able to determine the number of people who lost their lives in the storm. It will be months before we know how many people will succumb to disease.

The United States may be a superpower but once again Mother Nature proved she packs the most might.

While we have witnessed, by way of the media, the destruction and human suffering caused by Katrina, none of us can possibly comprehend the enormity of this tragedy. As U.S. emergency response teams assess the damage and determine what help is required, we can make donations to Hurricane Relief at the North Halton branch of the Red Cross (for details see Page 8). The Salvation Army also is helping out as are other services.

Offer your support— however and whenever you can.



Letters to the editor....

POSSE thanks supporters of concert

Dear editor,

I would like to thank all the business and bands that generously

donated to "Bring the Noise" concert event held on July 14.

I would particularly like to thank the Altered Native staff for organizing and hosting the event in Georgetown. The concert provided POSSE with the opportunity to provide sexual health and drug education information to youth at the show. Local businesses donated more than \$700 in raffle prizes for Peer Outreach Support Services and Education (POSSE) Project.

Our thanks to local business donors: The Altered Native, Up Your Bike, Royal Pizza, Heroes Lounge, and Chrome. We would

also like to thank the bands The Goods, Clarity in Chaos, and DJ Shakwondo for the great music.

POSSE was designed by youth in North Halton to meet the needs of their peers through training workshops and street level outreach. This project is geared toward youth, especially at-risk youth, and is founded on the belief that youth are a valuable resource, experts in their own lives and in their own experiences, and therefore, in possession of the best solutions to the challenges they face.

Kim Kent

Project Manager / Youth Worker

Driver's kindness was 'astounding'

Dear editor,

Another thing that makes Georgetown a nice place to live.

It was just about to rain while I was unlocking my bike in the Loblaws parking lot. A lady in her van called over, "Do you want a ride?"

She got out of her van and

pushed my bike into the van on top of her groceries as we both got soaking wet. She then drove me home during the downpour.

As an 83-year-old cyclist I am still astounded by the kindness of people. Thank you, young lady. What you sow is what you reap.

Lew Ward, Georgetown

Mito March a success

Dear editor,

As one of the many volunteers involved in the Mito March- Kure for Kirkland, I want to thank everyone.

Because of your generosity, donations and hard work, the Kirkland Kilbride Research Fund has been established and proceeds totalling \$33 992.26 were submitted directly to the Mitochondrial Research lab at the Hospital for Sick Children.

I would also like to give a special thanks to:

- All local businesses who allowed us to hang our posters in your stores
- To The Independent for your generous support
- Wal-Mart for your donations and support
- Maple Leaf Matt Stajan for taking the time to sign autographs and have his picture taken
- All local schools that showed support
- All who donated gifts for our gift table
- Evan and Carson for being the best big brothers to Kirkland and sharing him with the community
- Kelly and Gerry for saying yes to an idea and
- The steering committee who made it all happen.

Last of all I would like to give a special heart-felt thank you to Kirkland Kilbride, who, through his courage and strength, is such an inspiration.

Remember, "It's not how tragically we suffer but how miraculously we live."

Sue Couaghan, Georgetown

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