

# HEALTH CARE



## Spinal Cord Society holds Family Fun Day

The fourth annual Family Fun Day, in support of spinal cord research, will be held Sunday, June 24 starting at 11 a.m. at Heart Lake Conservation Area in Brampton.

The event is co-sponsored by the Halton Hills Spinal Cord Society.

There will be a 2.5 km or 5 km road course run, walk or roll with prizes awarded to the top-three finishers. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt and there will be a picnic lunch.

Entry fees are \$25 for individuals, \$125 for a corporate team (3-5 participants) or \$30 per person if registering the day of the event. Special pricing is available for families and pre-registration must be done by May 31.

For information or to register call David Hook (905-450-2891) or Wayne McDonald (905-702-1429) or visit [www.scsbramptonrun.ca](http://www.scsbramptonrun.ca).



## Zellers donations mark birthday

Observing Hudson's Bay Company's 337th birthday, Zellers in Georgetown presented \$300 to Brampton Salvation Army and \$800 to Georgetown Hospital Foundation last week. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Georgetown Zeller's assistant store manager Nadine Melrose, Yvette Brown, assistant director of Brampton Salvation Army Family Resource Centre, Georgetown Hospital Foundation chair Paul Armstrong, director Herma Buchanan, executive director K.C. Carruthers and Georgetown Zeller's HR manager Katie Watson.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Riding the Big Bike

James Miziolek, 17, (left), Chris Ackroyd, 17, and driver Brian Kelley from Parsons Marketing and the Big Bike, lead the rest of the pedallers from Christ the King School as they head out on their ride recently, raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

# Wheels in Motion event will help buy new equipment for community pools

Twenty years ago a young paraplegic completed wheeling around the world. His name is Rick Hansen and his accomplishment was nothing short of amazing.

His goal then, and today (as well as raising money for spinal cord research) is to bring awareness to the difficulties faced on a daily basis by people with physical disabilities.

On Sunday, June 10 the second annual Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event will take place in Halton Hills at the Gellert Community Centre. The event is designed as a walk, run, wheel, bike or roller blade over a one kilometre or 10k loop in the park.

Forty per cent of all proceeds raised, will be used to fund a new "portable pool lift" to replace the aging equipment now in use at our community pools. Your support will help give a large number of disabled children "a lift" in our very active



Bill Leslie

Scotiabank (both Georgetown and Acton) and in the Georgetown Market Place May 25 and 26. We will have a table set up and will be happy to answer any questions at that time. In addition, The Source by Circuit City will be playing the Rick Hansen DVD, so come and meet with us and learn more about our efforts on June 10.

Special Needs Programs currently running in Halton Hills.

In addition to the walk/run, this year we are introducing a new event called the Wheelchair Relay Skills Challenge. Local and corporate teams will compete in a series of skill-testing activities while using a wheelchair to help build a better understanding of what it is like to navigate through life in a wheelchair. More teams are needed and welcomed— you need five people for your team and must collect \$500 for the donation fee to enter.

Donations may be made and application forms are available at

On the day of the event, we would encourage as many in the community as possible to attend— it should be a fun and informative time for all. We would particularly encourage members of the disabled community to turn out and support the event. The ActiVan will be available to all registered users at no charge.

Bill Leslie is a member of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee and chair of the Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event

## Upcoming AGMs

Wednesday, June 6

**Bread Basket AGM:** Georgetown Bread Basket food bank holds its annual general meeting, 7 p.m. at St. John's United Church. New directors needed. Applications are available at the food bank, 55 Sinclair Ave. Unit 12, open Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Info: 905-873-3368.

Wednesday, June 20

**United Way AGM:** will be held at 7 p.m. at the United Way of Halton Hills's new office, which will be located at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St. in Georgetown. The meeting location is fully accessible, refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Halton:** holds its annual general meeting, 7 p.m. at the office, 464 Morden Rd., in Oakville. RSVP by June 13, 905-339-2355 or [info@bbshalton.ca](mailto:info@bbshalton.ca)

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