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* NOTE: For no purchase entry simply pick up your ballot and enter at the Independent & Free Press office in the Georgetown MarketPlace Mall during our normal business hours (9 am - 6 pm Monday - Friday). Winner must be 18 years of age or older. Limit one entry per day per person. Selected entrant will be required to correctly answer a skill testing question. There is a total of one \$500 FREE* Gas prize to be awarded during this contest. Odds of being selected to win depend on the number of entries received. Draw will be held on August 5, 2008 in Georgetown. Contest closes on Thursday July 31, 2008.

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 - The Civic Centre will be closed.

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 - Halton Hills Fire Protection & Prevention Services will remain open with the exception of Administration.

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RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

- **Acton Arena & Community Centre** 519-853-0020
 - Will be closed.

- **Acton Indoor Pool** 519-853-3140*
 August 4 - Open for a Leisure Swim from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and a Family/Lane Swim from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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- **Gellert Community Centre** 905-877-4244*
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- **Halton Hills Cultural Centre** 905-873-2681
 - Will be closed.

- **Georgetown Memorial Arena** 905-877-9612
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- **Mold-Masters SportsPlex** 905-877-8488
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* Admission fees apply.

FOR EMERGENCIES

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Two local girls call Kenya trip 'life-changing'

ERIN CARTER
 Special to The IFP

Two Halton Hills girls recently returned from a life-changing adventure in Kenya.

Courtney Craig-Campbell and Erin Carter spent three weeks in the rural village of Emori Joi as part of a volunteer and leadership trip with the not-for-profit organization Free the Children.

"I have a different outlook on life now," said Carter.

Free the Children is a Toronto-based organization, which was established in 1995 by former child activist Craig Keilburger. The main objectives of the organization are to free children from poverty and exploitation, and to inspire youths to make a difference in the world. Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education, with more than one million youth involved in innovative education and development programs in 45 countries.

During their volunteer trip, the girls traveled with a group of 24 university-aged participants from across North America, with the goal to construct a schoolhouse.

"Not only did we achieve our goal, we completed many other projects and we have a future action plan," said Craig-Campbell.

Overall, the group built two schools from the foundation, completed two



Erin Carter, left, and Courtney Craig-Campbell, both of Georgetown share a moment with two children from the Emori Joi village in Kenya during their recent humanitarian trip. *Submitted photo*

schoolhouses that were started prior to their arrival and worked on constructing a library. A typical day had the participants building for six hours, assisted by a crew of 12 local construction workers. The trip was also designed to raise awareness of global social issues and to use that awareness to make changes from home. Two professors from Boston joined the group for the trip, and presented lectures each evening on topics such as, colonialism, AIDS, poverty, hunger and globalization.

The girls were devastated by the lack of access to clean water within Emori Joi as residents walk between one to two hours to collect water from the Mara River several times a day. The necessity of this chore limits girls from attending school.

"One day, we went on the water walk with some community members, it took us over an hour to reach the river," said Carter. "When we arrived I was blown away by the quality of water, which looked like chocolate

milk. To think young girls must carry barrels of water on their back daily, instead of going to school."

The experience had such an impact on their group, that they have decided to continue their involvement with developing nations.

"Our group has created a campaign called Well Worth It, dedicated to raising awareness and funds to have well systems implemented in developing nations, through the assistance of Free the Children," Craig-Campbell said. After seeing the conditions, the group launched a plan to have a well built in Emori Joi.

The group's immediate goal is to raise \$70,000 by December 31, 2008 to have a well constructed.

If you would like further information or to learn how you/your organization/school can become involved, or donate to this cause please contact Carter and Craig-Campbell at: wellworthitcampaign@gmail.com. Tax receipts are available from Free the Children for all donations.

Wednesday, July 30

Kitten adoption: The Upper Credit Humane Society's Kitten Foster and Adoption Program has well-socialized kittens ready for adoption to approved homes. View them 7-9 p.m. in Walmart at the Georgetown Market Place. The \$140 adoption fee includes spay/neuter, first vaccinations, microchip, tattoo and deworming. Info: uchskittens.blogspot.com or Barb Johnson, 905-873-8547.

Kids in the Park: 10 a.m. to noon. in Willow Park. There will be scavenger hunts, plus catch frogs and butterflies, plant gardens, do nature crafts and just have fun in the park! Appropriate for ages 5-10; parent/sitter accompaniment required.

Sleepytime Stories: on Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at both branches of the Halton Hills Public Library. There will be stories, music and fun for parents and young children to enjoy

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together in a 30-minute format. Children can wear their pajamas and bring their best stuffed friends.

Crafternoons: at both branches of the Halton Hills Public Library. Kids can make a great craft to take home on Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.

Parents without Partners (PWP): is a non-profit, social support group for Single Parents and their Children in our community and surrounding areas. PWP has information and orientation sessions each week on Wednesday. Please come out to see what they are all about. Call 905-846-4883 for more information or visit www.pwpbrampton.com

Thursday, July 31

Limehouse euchre: Limehouse Women's Institute hosts euchre, 7:30 p.m. at the Limehouse Memorial Hall. Admission \$3, light lunch provided.

Book Party: Halton Hills Library hosts Book Parties with games and crafts with a fun book theme for kids, ages six and up at the Acton Branch, 2 p.m. on Tuesdays (until August 19) and at the Georgetown Branch, 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. on Thursdays (until August 21). Pre-registration required.

Imagination Stations: fun activities based on some intriguing themes for kids ages 8-13 at the Acton Branch library, 10 a.m. on Thursdays (until August 21) and at the Georgetown Branch, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on Tuesdays (until August 19). Pre-registration required.

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