

# 211 helps thousands

211, the phone number to dial to find help in the social and human service sectors, connected 10,932 Halton Region residents with information and referred them to thousands of organizations and programs.

The top ten reasons for calling 211 in Ontario were questions related to health issues, income and financial assistance; community services; housing help; food and meals; legal and public safety; municipal government services; mental health and addiction services; consumer and

commercial questions; and federal government services.

"Halton is committed to creating safe and healthy communities where people have access to the services they need," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "211 searches through all the services and programs for people in Halton and connects them with the best available resource in their community. This is a great service that the community is really finding helpful to get the information they need."

211 is an easy-to-re-

member, three-digit, non-emergency telephone number that offers a single window of access for anyone seeking information and referral to the full range of community, health and social services available in Halton. 211 provides free, confidential assistance in over 170 languages, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is also available on-line at [www.211halton.ca](http://www.211halton.ca)

For more information about 211, contact Halton Region by dialing 211 or 905-825-6000, toll free: 1-866-442-5866, or visit [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).



**EDUCATION NIGHT AT MSB:** Over 100 people attended an Education Night at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School last Wednesday to hear educator Michael Reist and other speakers discuss raising happy and resilient children. – Submitted photo

## Actonite or Actonian?

To the editor

Why does it matter how long we have lived in the community of Acton? Whether it be 40 years, 20 years, 10 years, or just one year this is a great community of people who help each other, look out for each other, and have fun living in Acton. Those that have been here a long time, thank you for this wonderful town. Those that have just moved here recently (including my family), well, we thank you immensely for the kindness, the warmth, the willingness to help whenever it is needed! Obviously there is a reason for this growing community, but if you don't want it to grow, then stop being so nice!

I am overwhelmed with the courtesy, the politeness, and the willingness

that people have to help others in this community! This, I would not see in our former home community of Mississauga. I even warned my husband that when you go into town (Acton), watch out for the polite people...if your blinker is on, someone is going to stop, and let you make your turn, or let you in. Or if you're going for the same parking spot, you'll be there for a while...you flagging them to take it, and them flagging you to take it.

Also, today after picking up my daughter from school, my vehicle started making strange noises. We made it home, and I called Acton Motors... he was at my house (out

of town) in about half an hour, and diagnosed my vehicle within 30 seconds, and told me he would get me to my daughter's school in the morning for my volunteer work that I was scheduled for. There is no way that this would happen in the larger cities...someone driving out to your home to check your vehicle to see what is wrong...no way that would happen in the big cities! Acton Motors, you guys are the best, and I would recommend everyone to Acton Motors!

Thank you again Acton for being such a great community...no wonder families want to live here!

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We appreciate all of the dances, dinner parties and golf tournaments. We are in awe of every hockey game, garage sale and BBQ you have held on our behalf. We are grateful for the hair donations and for the birthday, anniversary, appreciation and In Memoriam donations.

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills is in our tenth year of providing practical assistance to those fighting cancer. It's because of your support, and our amazing team of volunteers, that we have been able to help nearly 1,400 clients and their families.

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