Acton teen earns \$5,000 for FoodShare

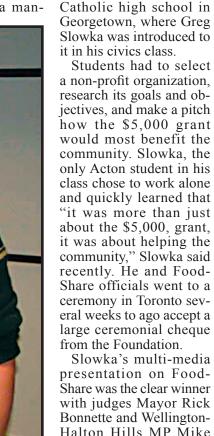
A smooth, compelling marketing pitch by a 15-year-old Acton teen

earned Acton's FoodShare Foundation and its Youth a reality-based, communfoodbank a \$5,000 grant from the Toskan-Casale

Philanthropy Program.

The annual grants fund

ity-focused philanthropy program that is a man-



Bonnette and Wellington-Halton Hills MP Mike Chong, who said they liked his "passion." "He (Slowka) knew his material - he didn't

read from cue cards – he understood and explained

the FoodShare story in

datory Grade 9 and 10

course at Christ the King

a compelling and clear way," Mayor Bonnette said, adding it was clear the presentation was more than just a competition for Slowka.

"At first, it was just a project, but I realized that I could help the community by winning the grant," Slowka said, adding he felt that FoodShare, a smaller group, deserved the grant the most.

FoodShare chair Arlene Humphreys said the grant would buy enough food for a month. Going through the process, she said, was "interesting to see how someone else sees the organization."

"Greg did a wonderful job showcasing FoodShare and we were so proud that he won because he was well prepared, informative and compelling," Humphreys said, adding this is the second time FoodShare has received a \$5,000 from the Founda-

Three years ago, four French Immersion students from Acton High School profiled FoodShare, and their presentation earned the food bank \$5,000.



YOUTH PHILANTHROPY: A marketing presentation written by Acton's Greg Slowka earned \$5,000 for Acton's FoodShare food bank from the Toskan-Casale Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program. FoodShare chair Arlene Humphreys picked up the cheque – enough to feed Acton hungry for a month – at a recent ceremony in Toronto. – Submitted photo



