

EMS gift

Halton Region is donating two decommissioned ambulances that have been removed from active service to St. John Ambulance, the Oakville-Milton-Halton Hills Branch. The vehicles for St. John Ambulance will be used as a mobile first aid post at public events including the Acton Fall Fair and Acton Leathertown Festival.

"Halton Region's paramedics have used these ambulances for a number of years, but it's now time to retire them from active duty," said Halton Region Chair, Gary Carr. "I'm pleased to see the ambulances will still be used to serve the residents of Halton Region."

The two ambulances have completed their useful life cycle for Halton Region's Emergency Medical Services. The donation of these two ambulances has been carefully co-ordinated to ensure they can be

maintained and operated to their full capacity to deliver the maximum benefit to those in need.

"St. John Ambulance Oakville-Milton and Halton Hills branch is thrilled to be the recipients of two ambulances from Halton Region," said Tim Bauer, St. John Ambulance Oakville-Milton & Halton Hills' Branch Manager. "The donation of these mobile first aid units to our branch will allow our Medical First Response volunteers to provide enhanced first aid coverage in our community." St. John Ambulance volunteers support hundreds of public events, and commit over 10,000 hours of service each year to the Halton community. Their current mobile first aid units are beginning to show signs of wear, and without the generous donation from Halton Region, they would have struggled to continue this essential community service.



LOCKS OF LOVE: Hair donated to Locks of Love, including from Acton's Jessica Cane, 8, will be turned into wigs for children who have lost their hair due to medical treatments. Cane, who grew her hair for the past two years, had it cut last Friday at Blue Springs Spa and Salon. She intends to grow her hair for the next two years, and donate it again. - Submitted photo

Give the gift of green

It is the season of giving. So why not give back to the planet in the process? During the holidays, people can make an effort to select environmentally responsible

gifts as well as celebrate in green ways.

The green movement has changed the way individuals shop for everything, from clothes to cars. It makes sense that these green sensibilities may carry over into the way people shop for holiday gifts. For those thinking of going green for the holidays, consider these gift ideas.

* Water saving showerhead: Put together a gift basket of spa items for the bathroom, including organic body oils, sea salt scrubs,

authentic loofa sponge, and a new showerhead that conserves water usage during every shower.

* Rechargeable batteries: Chances are the youngsters will still be requesting electronics this year, including portable handheld video games. Ensure game play is green with rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.

* Bamboo cutting board: Treat the consummate host or hostess to a bamboo cutting board that can easily double

as a cheese and crackers platter for entertaining.

* Reusable travel mug: Probably someone on the gift list is a coffee fanatic and must get his or her daily fill of java each day. Disposable foam cups are dangerous to the environment, so a personalized or engraved insulated travel mug can keep coffee warm on the way to work.

* Push mower: Give that handyman or lawn guru a push reel mower that doesn't spew noxious emissions or make a lot of noise. Mowing the lawn with a manual mower is also a great form of exercise.

* Reusable shopping bag set: Some people are born to shop. They can do it in a green way with a collection of stylish reusable tote bags to carry groceries or the latest fashions.

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