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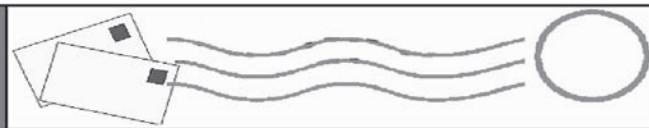
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# Letters



## Some kids know the true meaning of Christmas

## There wasn't to be any hockey

*Re: Some kids know the true meaning*  
To the Editor,

I just wanted to write this letter to let everyone out there know that with some kids the true meaning of Christmas still does exist.

My two young sons ages six and eight, have made me so proud. A friend of ours who owns two restaurants in Milton does a toy drive every year, to ensure that children in need will receive a toy on Christmas morning. He sent out an email to everyone he could to ask for help with this charity. I mentioned this to my eight year old son Logan. Within 10 minutes he was in his room and then in the basement. I enquired what he was doing. He informed me that he and his younger brother Dylan were going through their old toys to sell. "Mom we are doing a toy store," I asked him why? Both of them informed me that they were going to tell everyone that they knew about their toy store, so that they could help Troy give all the kids a new toy at Christmas. They are going to donate all of the money that they earn to this wonderful wonderful charity.

Boy, did my eyes water. To think that these two boys thought not of themselves, but of those children out there that are not as fortunate as themselves. I like to think that I am instilling the right values in my sons. I also have to thank St. Joseph school in Acton, for continuing in their education with good Catholic values. To always think of others before yourself, and to always care. To put forth your best, and always make others feel important. Mr. Simpson is an amazing principal, enforcing with the staff, what we as parents do at home.

I told my family of this, and they have offered to help the boys out. So we put our heads together, and have decided to have an indoor garage sale with a used toy store. As well, we will be having a bake sale and raffle prizes. With proceeds going to Troy's Toy Drive, and St. Vincents for St. Joseph school. The more kids we can help, is the more smiles on Christmas morning. If any one wants details they can reach us at 519-362-4894.

In this day and age, with so much wrong in this world, and with negativity all around my two Christmas angels have shown me that Christmas miracles still do exist, and that it is not all about getting the newest, or most expensive toy out there. It is about giving to others, and making sure that no child is without a gift on Christmas morning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this from a very, very, very proud parent.

Sincerely  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson

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*Re: There wasn't supposed to be any hockey*

Dear Tanner,

My name is Rick Smith. I have been a volunteer with Acton Houseleague Hockey for roughly 26 years.

In response to an article entitled "Let them play hockey." I would like to explain to your readers that there wasn't any hockey cancelled for the weekend the select team was away. That, in fact, there was not supposed to be any hockey played by the Bantam division at all that weekend. Those games were made up for the weekend the Twisters tournament was cancelled. Also if the Twisters tournament wasn't cancelled, there is always a couple of weeks around Christmas that we could have made up the scheduled games. So, as you can see, no time lost.

Going back to the summer when schedules are made, special permission was asked for by the Select management team and we worked with our ice scheduler to rework the Bantam division to make sure no games were missed, and everybody was given the opportunity to play hockey. This schedule was handed out the first game in September. My question would be to the anonymous disappointed parent, why wait till now? Why wasn't something brought to the attention of the board before this? So, I say shame on the disappointed parent who does not have the courage to come to us to even try to resolve any issues they may have with AHHA Inc. The golden rule in Acton Houseleague hockey is 1) A regular scheduled game 2) A practice would take the next priority 3) A select event may be held. As the Select Convenor, I enforce this rule every day.

So in closing, I would like to invite this disappointed parent out to our AGM that we have every spring. As you can see by my years of service we need more parent volunteers.

Thank you for your time.  
Yours in Hockey  
Rick Smith

Atom Convenor, Select Convenor  
V.P Business Operations

## Hello Santa

To the Editor,

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual "Santa Calls" program.

A big heart felt thank you to Rick Chambers from Optimist Club of Georgetown who assisted in recruiting over 17 volunteers. Their efforts are inspirational and have made a lasting impression on many children. In this busy world, it's wonderful to have people who will take the time to share with others.

To the school principals, kindergarten teachers, and parents - thank you for participating in our 2010 program, and helping to make it such an incredible success.

A final thanks goes the McGibbon Hotel, Subway and Toppers Pizza for providing the fuel for Santa to call so many children.

With everyone's contributions and hard work Santa spoke to over 800 kindergarten children and their families to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Frank Prospero  
Recreation Supervisor - Community Development  
Town of Halton Hills



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