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Letters



From left, Aaron Recile, STQI Milton Chief Instructor Mark Recile, Pearly D'Souza, Joel D'Souza, Kushvinder Recile, Sierra Recile, and Rachael D'Souza in the Longo's kitchen, cooking up turkey dinner with all the trimmings for 15 individuals at Halton Women's Place. *Supplied photo*

Cooking up a holiday feast for HWP

Dear Editor,

On Christmas Eve, with the help of friends and families from STQI Milton Kung Fu Martial Arts School and contributions and support from Longo's in Milton, we gathered in the Longo's loft kitchen.

There, we sliced two turkeys, heated up and packed dinner and dessert for up to 15 people, who found shelter from crisis at Halton Women's Place (HWP).

The staff working at HWP's Milton shelter

greeted us and accepted our donation of a warm meal, desserts and gingerbread houses for the kids to decorate. They were very appreciative of the gesture.

We were informed that on this day, the facility was at capacity.

In that moment — and forever — we will hope to remember that small gestures from people can make a larger contribution to the well-being of our fellow humans.

We wish to thank Adam and the other Longo's staff members who helped us with this

community service activity. We also wish to thank the D'Souza and Shah families who donated time and resources to this initiative.

We hope to make this community service an annual activity for the families of STQI Milton Kung Fu Martial Arts School and others who wish to partner with us in the near future.

Those interested in volunteering with us can visit www.shaolinkungfumilton.com or find us on Facebook @STQIInstituteMilton.

Mark Recile, STQI Milton

A hometown at its finest

Dear Editor,

What a town to live in,
Such as Halton, Milton my previous home,
My small street, a safe place to roam,
From '01 to '13, was a place so serene,
All held a grin, a devoted community,
For all with kind, gentle unity
In Milton.

Skating, soccer and piano,
Magic, academy, a private instructor,
Allowed my heart to glow,
No obstructor stood in the way,
During any fun-filled day,
In Milton.

Oh, my beloved parish
Certainly something to cherish,
Holy Rosary, I love it dearly,
From wee to a teen nurtured faith so keen,
As a server and worshipper, attending weekly,
In Milton.

Teachers so wonderful, I remember you all,
From Kindergarten to nine, schooling so fine,
In touch with a few, to those I had, thank-you,
I hope you know how much you mean to me,
Teachers I had in the HCDSB,
In Milton.

Although Ottawa is now my home,
Milton is so dear, I visit every year,
My family moved but something will remain proved,
During my 15th year, it became so clear,
Growing up in Milton, a town so sincere; the kindest,
Was a hometown at its finest.

Frances McCall, Ottawa

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