

**Putting together scrap book**

# Scholtz family wants to hear from supporters

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Three years ago Liz and Clem Scholtz asked Miltonians to help save their daughter's life. Now, they want to hear from everyone who did.

It's hard to believe, the couple said, that so much time has passed since their little Deidre was first diagnosed with aplastic anemia — which threatened to take her life until a bone marrow match was found and a successful transplant was performed in the spring of 1996.

They also admitted that the overwhelming wave of support by the community — which raised more than \$100,000 for the local family and pulled off the largest single family bone marrow clinic in

the history of North America — seems like a blur. A wonderful, life affirming blur but a blur all the same.

"Things happened so fast then that we're really not sure of all who helped out," recalled Ms Scholtz. "And help you did. We were so fortunate to have had the support of the town. It made such a big difference."

The Scholtz clan want everyone to know that Deidre, now eight-years-old, is doing great. She's as active as any girl her age — taking part in many activities including ballet and brownies.

The family is hoping to put together a scrap book with cards and letters from all the people who offered assistance during their time of crisis.

Said Ms Scholtz, "We have been keeping a book for Deidre, but now would like to add your memo-

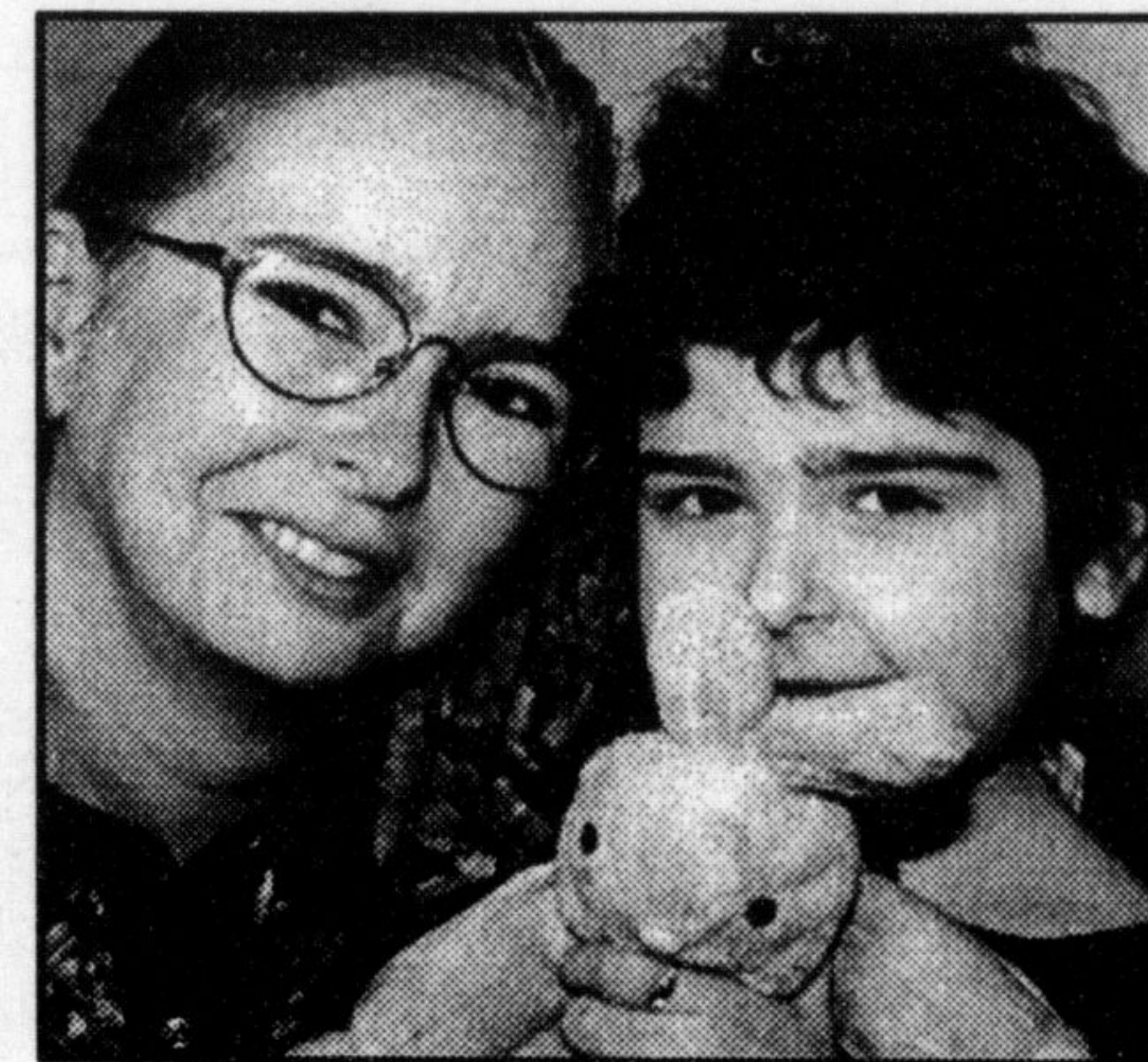
ries. Please write and tell us what you did to help and how it affected you and your family.

"If you do not wish your name to be used just state so in your letter and we will honor your wishes."

Both letters and photographs of fundraising efforts would be appreciated. Ms Scholtz said a keepsake of the town's compassion and generosity is something she'll want her daughter to have and cherish for years to come.

"Deidre is not only our miracle but she is also the community's," Ms Scholtz said.

Cards, letters and photographs can be sent to the Scholtz family at 360 Satok Cres., Milton, Ont., L9T 3P5 or e-mailed to Deidre Friends Foundation@Sympatico.ca.



Liz Scholtz hopes Miltonians can help put together little Deidre's album.

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## Correction

A March 23 article on reactions to a tentative agreement between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the provincial government contained an error.

Bill Gillies — president of local 234, representing 350 employees at Maplehurst Correctional Centre — was quoted as saying cooks at province-wide institutions received an 80 cents per hour raise.

In fact, they were one of the only group of trades workers not to enjoy the wage hike.

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