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## Milton's Albin-Curtis among three named Woman of Year

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ilton resident Rita Albin-Curtis was honoured as one of three Women of the Year at the third annual awards gala held in Oakville Tuesday night.

Hosted by the Women's Information and Support Centre of Halton, 200 people, including 15 nominees, attended the sold-out event at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

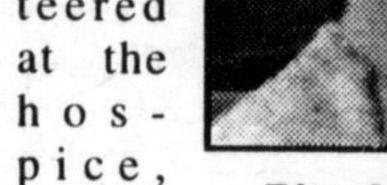
Recipients of the Women of the Year Award are chosen for their exemplary service to others and raise the bar on leadership, responsiveness, action, perseverance and social awareness.

Ms Albin-Curtis is the founder and president of Wordsong Communications, which has supported and heightened awareness of various charities through ministry and music since 1997.

She has also worked tirelessly to support Rose Cherry's Home, a hospice and respite for terminally

chronically ill chil-dren in north Milton. She has volunteered at the hos-

named



Rita Albin-Curtis

for the late wife of Hockey Night in Canada fixture Don Cherry for the past five years.

Since her appointment as cochair last year, Ms Albin-Curtis has been instrumental in raising \$130,000 for the organization.

Clutching a framed certificate marking her accomplishment, the emotional mother of three remarked, "I am humbled and will treasure this forever. Receiving an award is a wonderful affirmation. I would like to thank my children for putting up with the late nights and absences from home, my parents for their constant help and their loving support, my family and

friends for never saying no and my husband."

Dissolved to tears along with many in the audience, Ms Albin-Curtis praised her husband, Father Mark Curtis, as her "gentle giant," her inspiration and her torchbearer that continues to show her the blessings in life.

Friend Kathy Douthart, who nominated her for the award, met Ms Albin-Curtis through her husband, Father Mark, known as Canada's singing priest.

"She's the type of person who will drop everything to help someone in need," she said.

"She's been wonderful to me and I felt confident she embodied all the necessary qualities. She does what she does to make the world a better place and she has a real passion for Milton. She wants to make it the best community it can be."

All proceeds of the event support the Women's Centre, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women through support, information and programs.

The two other Women of Year were from Burlington.

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