

Miltonians coming to aid of earthquake victims

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It's half way around the world, but the earthquake in India is touching the hearts of people in Milton.

According to Brent Page, community services director for the Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross, Milton residents are already responding to their request for funds to assist victims of the devastating earthquake.

Measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, the quake flattened entire cities January 26.

Media reports suggest the death tally is somewhere around 25,000 and those injured at more than 30,000.

"We receive very positive response from the people in Milton," Mr. Page said. "When we see

devastating scenes like this, we want to help."

Eighty-five cents on every dollar makes it to the front-lines in India, Mr. Page said. Donations are sent electronically through banks.

The money is used to purchase food, blankets and other personal items such as toiletries. It's also used to set up field hospitals and provide people with clean drinking water.

Forty dollars can purchase blankets for a family of four; food for a family of four for one month; clothes for a family of four; plastic sheeting for eight families or cooking utensils (plates, kerosene burner and kerosene, cutlery) for six families.

In these situations, the Red Cross only accepts monetary contributions.

"We want to purchase locally," Mr. Page said.

Not only does it help out the local economy, but assists in meeting the dietary needs of people in India.

Furthermore, the cost of shipping goods overseas is quite cumbersome.

For those who have relatives in India, the Red Cross offers a tracing service.

"We deal with the devastation when they come into the branch," Mr. Page said. "These people have been on the phone trying to get a hold of their loved one. When they place a tracing request it's something real to them."

The length of time to establish a link overseas varies, according to Mr. Page. However in this instance, the damage was so devastating that emergency crews are still digging through the rubble.

"Once we get shelters set up, people in India can register with us. Then we can trace their family in Canada."

People who want to make donations to the India Earthquake Relief Fund can do so by visiting the local Red Cross branch at 42 Bronte St. or by calling 1-800-218-1111 for credit card donations.

Cheques, payable to the Red Cross earmarked India Earthquake Relief Fund, can be mailed to the Canadian Red Cross National Office at 170 Metcalfe St., suite 300, Ottawa, Ont., K2P 2P2. Donations can also be made at the following banks: Bank of Montreal, CIBC, HSBC Canada, TD Canada Trust, National Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, BCI Canada and Sottomayor Bank Canada.

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

for September, 2001

Registration for those children who are interested in the French Immersion Program in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown/Acton will be held at all designated schools as listed below on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2001
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- students must be entering grade 5 in September 2001, in a Halton Catholic School;
- in person only - parent, guardian or other responsible adult with a letter indicating they are acting on the parent's behalf;
- registration to take place at the French Immersion school designated for your attendance area;
- enrollment for the French Immersion Program is limited;
- registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LOCATION OF DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

Area

North Burlington
South Burlington
Georgetown/Acton
Oakville

Milton

Designated Schools

St. Gabriel School
Ascension School
Holy Cross School
St. Matthew, St. Bernadette,
St. Joseph, St. Marguerite D'Youville
Our Lady of Victory

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JUNIOR/SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2001 HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Registration for those children who will be attending Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills (Georgetown/Acton) will be held at all schools on:

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
February 6th and 7th, 2001
9:00am to noon 1:30pm to 5:00pm

AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

Junior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2001

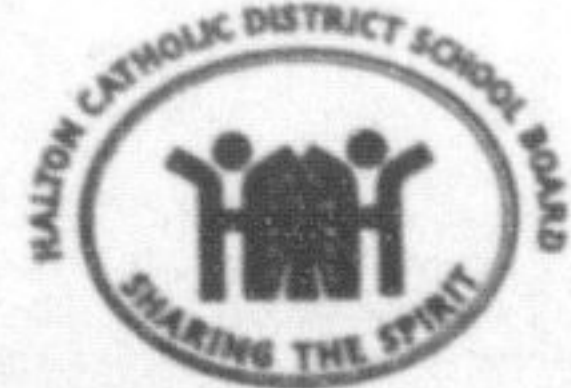
Senior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2001

- Roman or Eastern Rite Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required.
- Proof of age is required
- Before registration is finalized, a child will have completed the prescribed program of immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella
- Families registering for the first time at a school are requested to provide the child's medical card at the time of registration
- For further information or alternate registration date, please contact the principal of your nearest Catholic School

Please Note: Children currently registered in their school's Junior Kindergarten program are not required to register for the Senior Kindergarten program. Placement in the Senior Kindergarten program will be processed by the school unless otherwise notified by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

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Dateline

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Saturday Feb. 3

Learn how to prevent injuries and deliver **first aid and CPR** with the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross. The organiza-

tion offers a standard first aid recertification course. Call 875-1459 for more information or to register for this session.

Support the Halton Rape Crisis Centre during its sixth annual live and silent auctions. Bidding for auction items starts at 6:30 p.m. at 707 Galaxy Club on North Service Road. Tickets for the evening cost \$15, including finger foods, mystery prizes and more. Some auctions items include a week's holiday at Blue Mountain Resort, a colour flatbed scanner, artwork and sports memorabilia. For tickets or more information call 825-3622.

Monday Feb. 5

The Milton chapter of the **Stroke Recovery Association** invites stroke survivors and caregivers to attend its meeting at 3:30 p.m. at Allendale. For more information contact MILTONSTROKERS@ziplip.com or Judi at 878-4602.

Find out how choosing the right investments inside your RRSP can **save you taxes overall** at a wealth management seminar from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with investment executive K. Sarita Purdy. To register call 796-5006.

Find support with the **Tourette** • see more **DATLINE** on page 27

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- A & P • Biway • Shoppers Drug Mart • Zellers
- M&M Meats • Cristello's Village Market*
- Canadian Tire • Home Hardware*
- Sears • Twice The Deal Pizza*
- **SATURDAY February 3** •
- IDA* • Sears Whole Home • Smart Source

*Selected areas only

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