

# ✓Curl for Kids fundraiser collects whopping \$42,000

The recent 2001 Curl For Kids Charity Auction and Bonspiel was the biggest success yet for the Milton Curling Club and its team of volunteers, who raised more than \$42,000 over the two-day event for children's charities.

"The generosity of the curlers, their sponsors, our corporate and private donors and all the people who supported the auction was beyond our wildest expectations," said event co-ordinator Dennis Hamilton. "And it was all made possible by a great team of volunteers who put heart and soul into making the 2001 Curl For Kids the best ever."

Mr. Hamilton thanked the businesses, which were generous with their donations.

"Thanks to them, we kept expenses to a bare minimum. All the food we served our curlers was donated, all the prizes they won

were donated, all the items in the live and silent auction were donated. And this year, we were really successful in getting major corporate donations to increase our overall profits for the three charities. We had 10 gold sponsors and five platinum sponsors who contributed over \$1,000 in cash or merchandise. Benjamin Moore Paints, Lawncare "Plus" Inc., the Pepsi Bottling Group, Investors Group and Nabisco Ltd. all deserve our special thanks."

The Curl For Kids two-day bonspiel, which was held March 2 and 3, was set up to recognize the top team pledges with prizes and to acknowledge all sponsors from \$25 and up with signage throughout the Milton Curling Club and in a published sponsor directory. With donated prizes for all, none of the curlers went home empty-handed, regardless of their curling skills.

Every curler on the 32 teams entered was asked to bring a pledge form.

Again this year, the support of the Milton Kinsmen Club con-

tributed to the project's success. Its members committed to canvass the local business community for donations of prizes, auctions items and cash.

"This bonspiel has become one of the biggest annual charity events in Milton," Mr. Hamilton said. "Each year, it is done entirely by volunteers and each year we surprise even ourselves by raising more money than the year before. It's because of the kids in our area who need our support that we started this bonspiel and it's because of the kids that our community welcomes this event so generously."

Over the past four years, the bonspiel has raised nearly \$145,000 for local children's charities. The proceeds went to Camp Trillium for kids with cancer for the first two years, but last year the focus was expanded to also include Halton Women's Place and Big Sisters of North Halton.

Cheques for \$13,000 each will be presented to the organizations tomorrow night at the Milton Curling Club.

## Sign language classes start soon

The Canadian Hearing Society offers classes in American sign language to adults in Milton and Mississauga this spring.

Registration is being held this

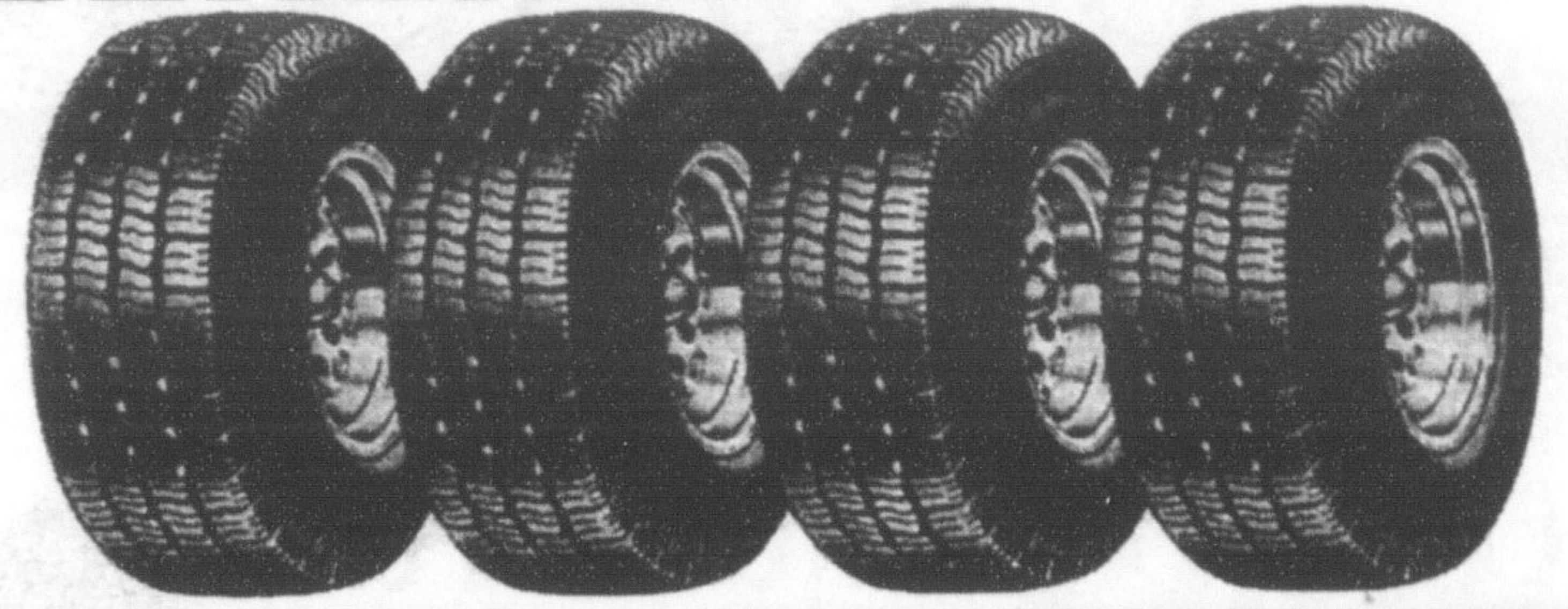
week and classes will begin the week of April 9.

Classes in Milton are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.

Classes in Mississauga will be held at 2227 Millway Dr.

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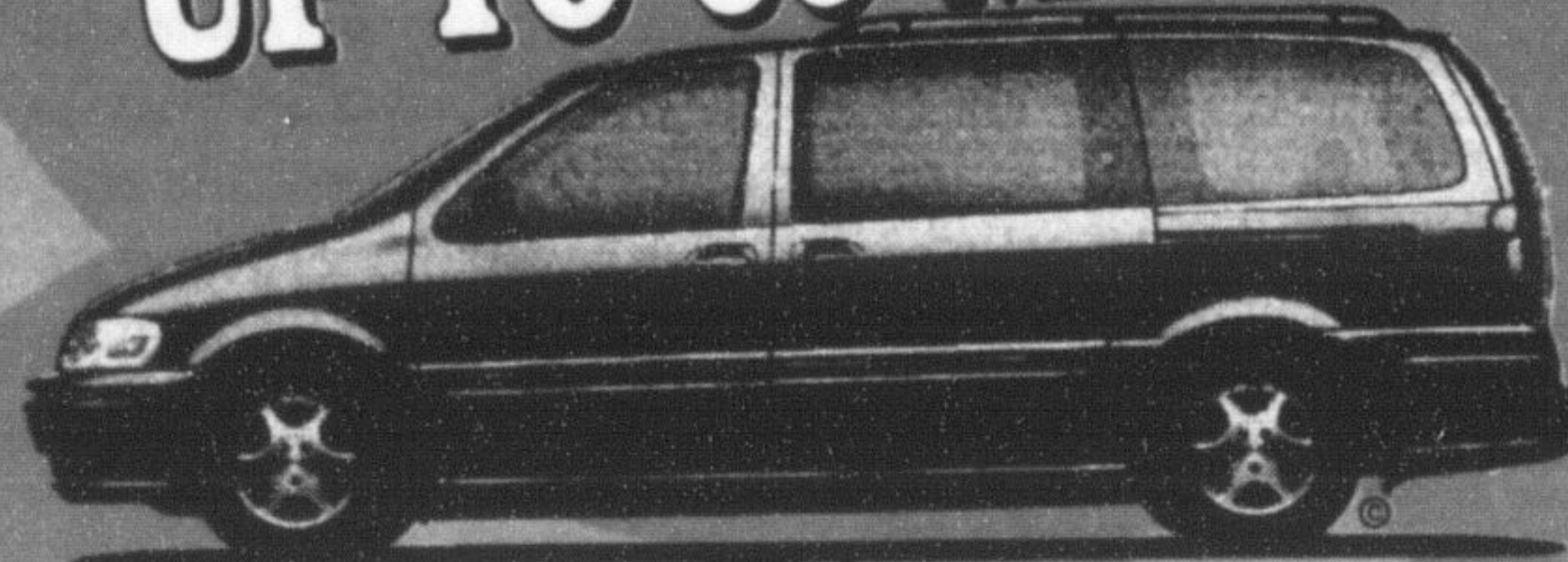
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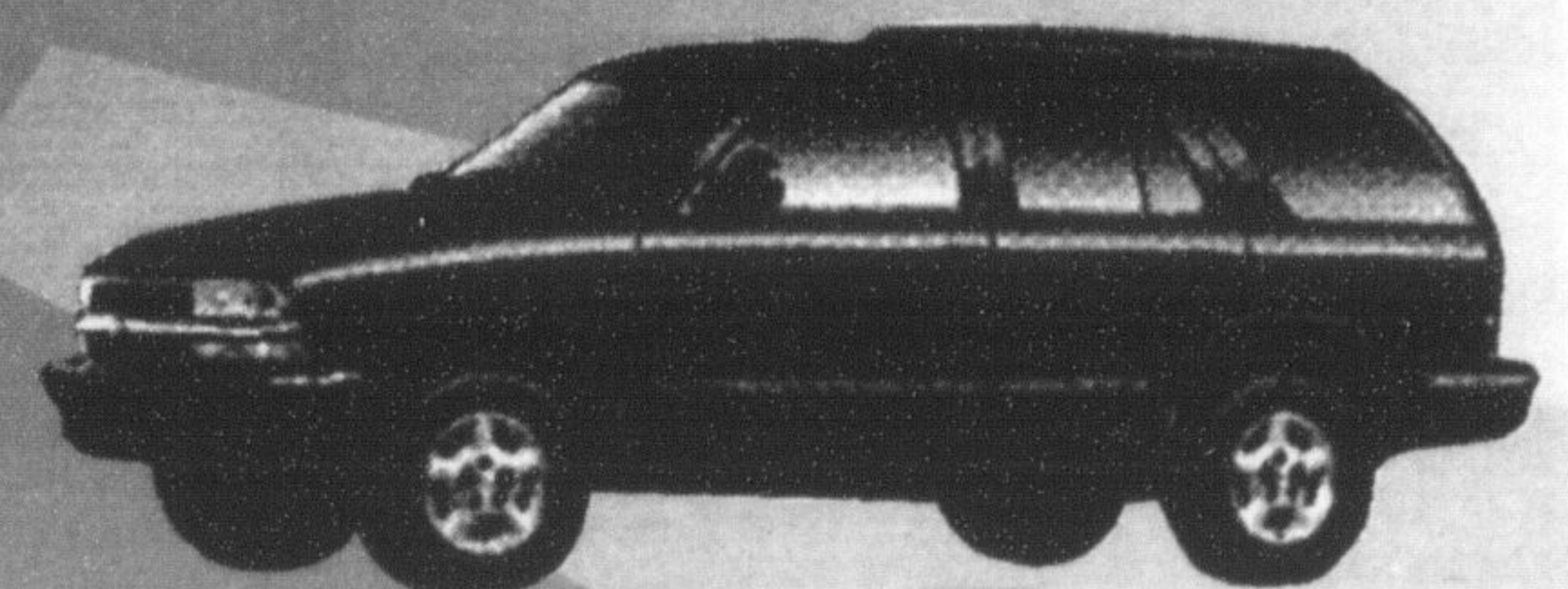
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