

Town's poverty level ranks second lowest in the region

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The Champion

Five years ago, Lynne Russell put together a report focusing on poverty in Halton.

She didn't receive the reaction she was hoping for.

"People don't seem to relate well to reports filled with statistics," said the social planner from the Halton Social Planning Council and Volunteer Centre.

In May, the council produced a video that tells the real-life stories of five people who struggle with living in poverty.

"People want to see real people behind the numbers (statistics)," she said.

A report was also published by the council that contains information on facts about poverty in Halton and life experiences of people living in poverty. The report is broken down into three sections —

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an extensive profile of those living in poverty, 15 testimonies of those living in poverty including information on the quality of their lives and survival strategies, and recommendations for the community to develop strategies to reduce poverty.

The video is 30 minutes and the faces of the people are blacked out for anonymity, Ms Russell said.

Forty-five per cent of the poverty rate in Halton Region is in Burlington, followed by Oakville at 40 per cent.

Milton has the second lowest

poverty rate in the region at 8 per cent (2,000 people), just 1 per cent higher than Halton Hills.

All statistics are according to the 1996 Census, Ms Russell added.

"The message we're trying to get across (through the video and report) is this can happen to anybody. There can be a death in the family or a layoff or something else that's unexpected."

Seniors are at the head of the poverty chain, followed by children and youths.

"Seniors are the largest group living in poverty because it all relates to income," Ms Russell said.

"Most are living on a fixed income."

The Halton Social Planning Council and Volunteer Centre is planning to present its report and video to regional council in the fall.

To obtain a copy of the report or video for a fee of \$25 each, call (905) 878-0955.

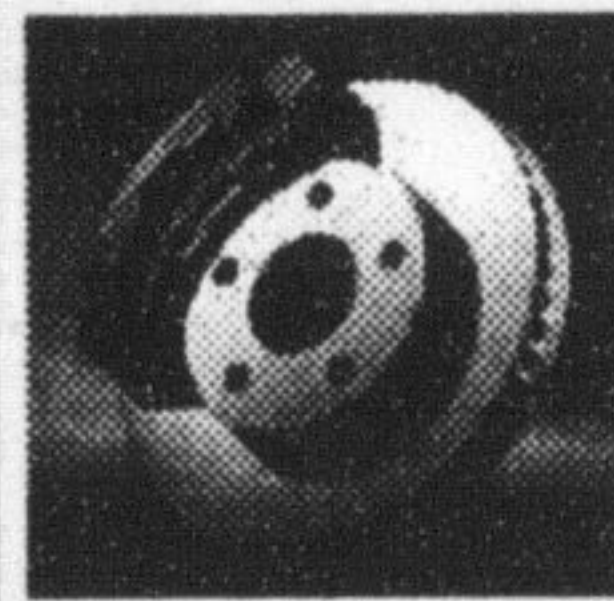
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