

# Small businesses requested to donate bike in challenge

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The bikes were stolen sometime between July 19 and 22 from Track 2000 BMX race track near Britannia and Trafalgar roads.

Ms Pearson, founder of Riders Ready, was quickly thrust into the spotlight as major news networks like City TV picked up the story and put it on their nightly newscasts, pulling heart strings near and far.

Carol Sharp summed it all up saying, "Things happen for a reason. Look at all the good that's coming out of the (bad)."

Ms Sharp and her husband, Dale, who own D and D Handymen, are issuing a challenge to Milton small businesses to match their donation of a BMX purchased at cost from Spokes 'N Slopes together with Bill McKeown, owner of another Milton small business, McKeown Collision.

"Just to put a smile on one kid's face — that's all I want," Ms Sharp said.

Spokes 'N Slopes on Ontario Street is continuing to offer BMX bikes worth at least \$350 for the at-cost price of \$225 to anyone who wants to donate a bike to Riders Ready.

"I knew that people would band together and turn this around," said Matt Burger, owner of Spokes 'N Slopes. "Now they're (Riders Ready program) coming out ahead



Photo by HARRISON SMITH

Milton resident Michael Danielli, 8, tries out a BMX bike similar to the one being donated to the Riders Ready program by Bill McKeown (second from left) of McKeown Collision and Carol and Dale Sharp of D and D Handymen. Looking on is Raven Heaney, 12. Numerous other businesses and citizens have jumped on board to help.

of the game. The people on the waiting list will have an opportunity to get in."

Milton resident Donna Danielli has two children, aged 8 and 12, in the Riders Ready program. She said she's overwhelmed by the generosity she's seen.

"It's amazing. We were thinking

Wednesday about how heartless (the thieves) were and now, in the last two days, we've seen the community open their hearts and wallets to the kids," she said. "It means the world to the kids."

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