

# Local groups continue to benefit from Community Fund

The Town of Milton distributed almost \$400,000 in Milton Community Fund grants to individuals and organizations last month.

The presentation, held at the Milton Sports Centre January 20, distributed \$391,578 to 37 organizations and 18 individuals to complete its funding for the 2003 program. In total, last year's program distributed \$500,000.

The following is a list of the Community Fund's 2003 fall recipients and two travel recipients:

Alisha Turner, \$1,155 — To support travel costs associated with participation at the Jester Junior Open and the Canadian Junior Championships in Alberta.

Fine Arts Society of Milton, \$6,520 — To assist with costs associated with hosting Art in Victoria Park, the Spring Reception, Studio Tour

and Web site development.

Gail Czerwinski, Hilary Flynn, Sheena McGuigan, Peggy McPhail, Rhonda McPhail, Donna Mortimer, Friede Schmitz, Karen Scott, Marleen Van Boars, Elizabeth van den Enden, Elizabeth Wilson, \$455 — To support travel costs associated with participation at an international event held in Halifax, N.S.

Country Heritage Park, \$7,050 — To purchase 30 portable voice amplification systems that will enhance program delivery.

Halton Family Services, \$20,000 — To support the salary of a part-time counsellor to provide additional hours of counselling in Milton.

Literacy North Halton, \$18,800 — To support part time staff costs, facility rental costs and program materials.

Milton Concert Presentations, \$608 — To

assist with costs associated with three members' attendance at the Ontario Arts Council seminar.

Milton District Hospital Foundation, \$54,770 — To purchase an adult ventilator for the intensive care unit.

Milton Marlin Swim Team, \$8,905 — To purchase equipment and support training for coaching staff.

Milton Meals on Wheels, \$17,980 — To offset staff costs associated with the expansion of the frozen food component of the Meals on Wheels program.

Milton Minor Baseball, \$4,430 — To provide training for coaches and umpires.

Milton Minor Hockey Association, \$2,655 — To provide funding for trainer and 'Speak Out' certification.

Milton Skating Club, \$2,735 — To support

training costs and expansion of programming.

North Halton Girls' Hockey Association, \$2,200 — To purchase two sets of goalie equipment.

St. Peter's School Council Community Garden, \$3,000 — To plant a community garden and seating area.

For a full listing of all recipients for 2003, visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) and select 'grant programs' from the 'pick list'.

Applications for the 2004 program will be available in mid-March. Travel applicants can come forward at any time, but people are advised to contact staff to confirm optimal timing to target committee and town council meeting dates. For more information on the Milton Community Fund, contact Joy Anderson at (905) 878-7252, ext. 2604, or e-mail [joy.anderson@milton.ca](mailto:joy.anderson@milton.ca).

## Beware of e-mail scams in area, warn Halton Regional Police

Halton Regional Police are reminding the public that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Recently, police have received numerous calls from the public about possible letter and e-mail scams.

The majority of the calls concern e-mails known to police as Nigerian/West African letter frauds.

These e-mails request an individual's assistance in recovering millions of dollars belonging to the sender's family overseas. In one of

the most popular and recently received versions, the culprit says his family had to flee Angola for Spain and in order to retrieve money, he needs someone to open up a non-resident bank account in Spain to have the money transferred.

By opening the account, the victim is promised 25 per cent of the fortune.

Typically, victims in this type of fraud find themselves in a web of deception and trickery, often having to forward the culprit thousands of dollars with no prospect of

ever receiving the promised riches.

Police say there have been many variations of this scam seen in North America throughout the past few years.

The safest practice is for recipients to delete the e-mail from their computers or forward it to the Phonebusters National Call Centre — which is a joint partnership between the OPP and RCMP — at [waf@phonebusters.com](mailto:waf@phonebusters.com).

Anyone who has made contact with a representative of these schemes should call Phonebusters at 1-888-495-8501.

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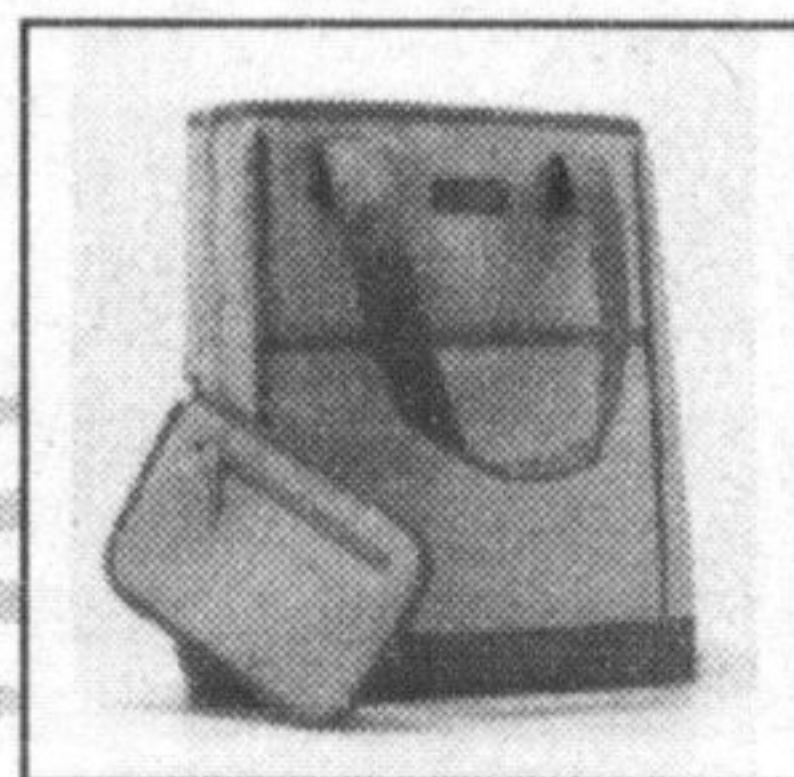
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