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Deaf day centre slated to open next month

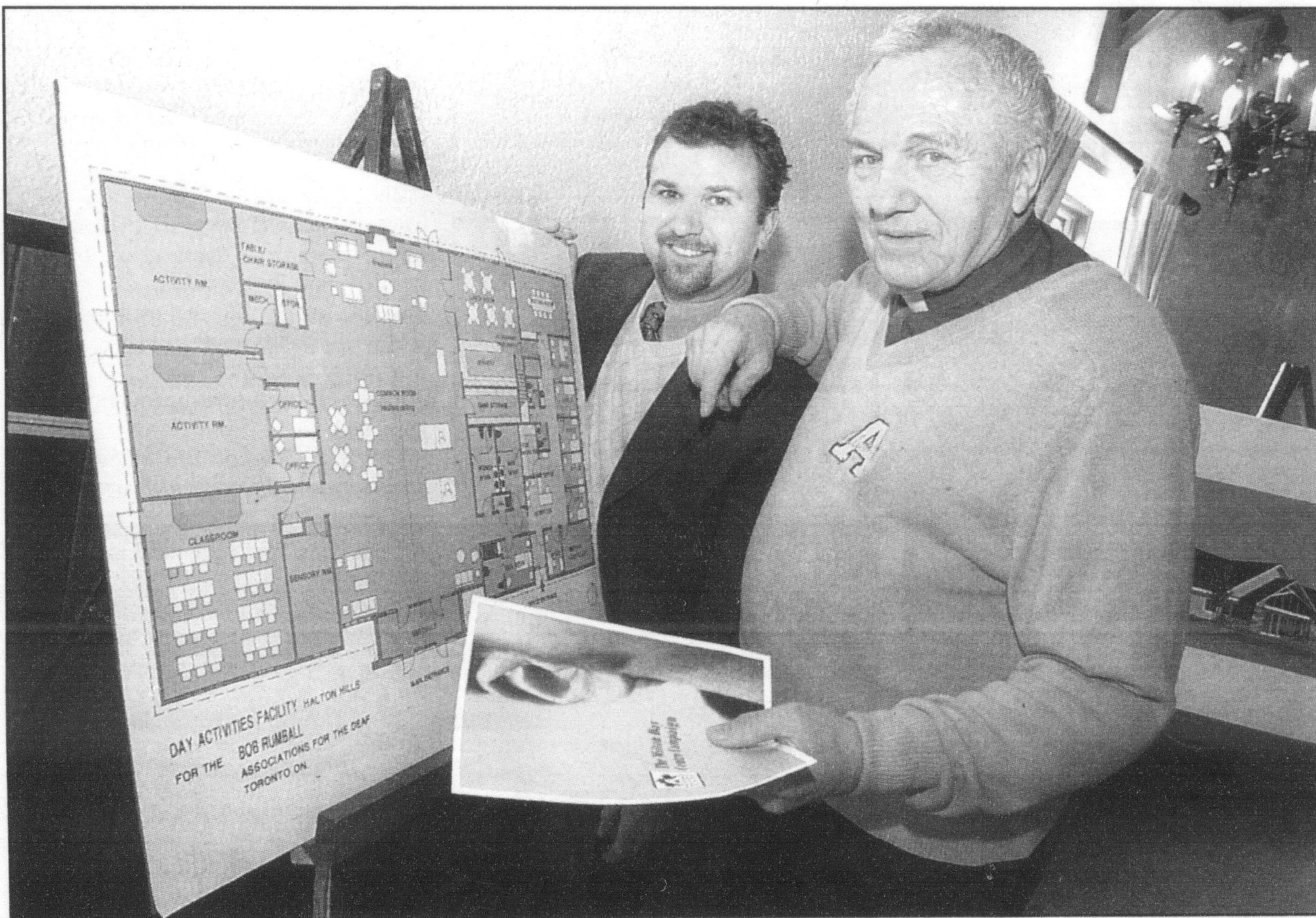


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Brad Saunders (left), executive director of the Bob Rumball Associations for the Deaf, joins with Rev. Bob Rumball at the unveiling of the plans for the Milton day centre.

Rural Milton-based facility will fill gap for deaf adults

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The Champion

For many local deaf students, their school years spent at E.C. Drury can be one of the most enjoyable times of their lives — they're surrounded by people who understand them and know sign language.

Now, the Bob Rumball Associations for the Deaf (BRAD) is hoping to fill the gap for deaf individuals once they graduate with a \$1.5-million day centre that's scheduled to open next month in rural Milton.

"It's a day centre for our deaf clients with developmental, behavioural and emotional challenges," said BRAD Business Manager Karen Chambers. "Some of our clients will never have a job in the community, but they still need a meaningful day."

The 8,000-square-foot facility located on Campbellville Road will feature a classroom, activity areas, a sensory room, common room with vaulted ceiling and fire place, kitchen and plenty of office space for staff.

Ms Chambers said those who attend the day centre, coming
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