## Sally-Ann takes in \$121G

While it may have fallen short of its \$150,000 goal, the generosity of Miltonians has helped the Salvation Army bring in over \$20,000 more in donations this Christmas than last.

Community Outreach Co-ordinator Rachel Sheils reported yesterday that the local Salvation Army has received about \$121,000 to date through its Christmas campaign, which includes the money brought in by The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund. This is up from the 2004 total of \$98,000.

"Overall, it was a great response," she said.

This holiday season's local kettle campaign proved to be much more successful than last as well, with \$64,000 being col-

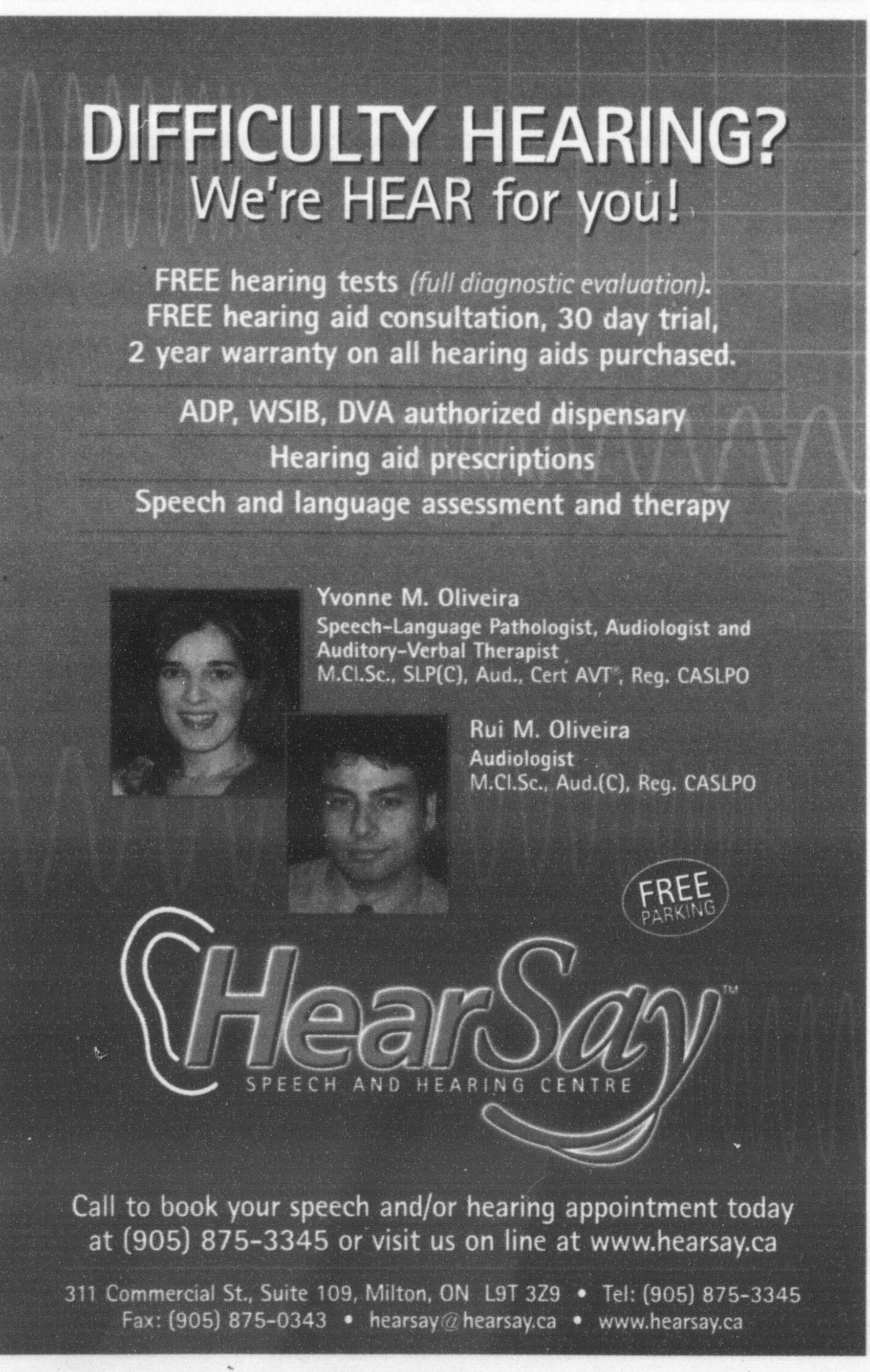
lected — up from \$45,000 in 2004.

On the food front, Ms Sheils said the Salvation Army received 25,000 pounds of food throughout the holiday season, which helped the organization help 150 families at Christmas and will continue to benefit local residents throughout 2006.

Each family received three boxes of food, a turkey and fresh produce, and families with children were also able to pick up donated toys at the local office to put under the tree.

Ms Sheils added that while there isn't a call out for more food donations right now, she asked that local residents keep the Salvation Army in mind throughout the year.







The Regional Municipality of Halton

## We Want to Hear Your Views!

## **Proposed Provincial Growth Plan**

In late November, the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal released a Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe under the Places to Grow Act, 2005. The Proposed Plan speaks to the Province's vision for managing growth to 2031 including how and where municipalities will grow. It also contains broad-level policies that will guide planning for the infrastructure needed to support growth as well as for the protection of our heritage and natural resources.

Last spring, Halton hosted a Growth Forum on this topic and as a result provided the Province with the viewpoints of Halton's public as well as Regional and Local Councils' collective position on the Draft Plan. Now that the Proposed Plan has been released, we'd like to hear from you again. The Province has set January 27, 2006 as the due date for public comments. Given this short time frame and the intervening holidays, we would like to provide you with as many opportunities as possible to hear your views. Halton's website has been set up to receive input and provides a link to the Ministry's Proposed Growth Plan. Click on Provincial Growth Plan" at www.region.halton.on.ca to view or download a copy of the Plan.

Region staff will prepare a Summary of Public Comments and present a Joint Regional and Local Municipal Response outlining our collective position for consideration by Council in early February. This timeline has been established to ensure we meet, as closely as possible, the Province's deadline for input. If you would like your feedback to be considered in Halton's response, please ensure you send your comments to the Region by January 13, 2006.

For more information on the Proposed Growth Plan and Halton's response, please contact Mary Kim Cichocki-Beaudry, Senior Planner, Long Range Planning at 905-825-6000 ext. 7206, toll free at 1-866-442-5866. You can also send us your comments by mail or by e-mail at cichockm@region.halton.on.ca.

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