

# No programs funded by United Way will suffer due to shortfall

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By the time all the outstanding funds come in, the 2005 campaign is expected to match that of the year before, she said, adding the target amount of \$475,000 was "a very aggressive goal."

The situation in Milton reflected that of most United Way agencies across Ontario last year, Eadie said.

Fortunately, utilizing funds in reserve, no programs supported by the United Way of Milton will suffer, she stressed.

"There are no plans to take any money off of what we normally allocate."

Eadie said she wants to send out a big thank you to Miltonians who gave to last year's campaign.

The bulk of the money raised resulted from special events and company programs like employee-giving campaigns.

The annual Mayors' Golf Tournament alone yielded \$102,000 in September.

The United Way of Milton supports 24 local agencies including the Canadian Mental Health Association, Community Living North Halton, Halton Family Services and the Milton Community Resource Centre.



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**BIG DONATION:** The Town of Milton is just one contributor that helped the United Way raise a whopping \$430,000. Here, the Town's United Way committee co-chairs Christina McTavish (left) and Hazel Carlin (right) join Mayor Gord Krantz in presenting United Way executive director Anne Eadie with a cheque for \$11,680 as members of the Town's Corporate Assistance Utilizing Staff Events committee look on.

Allocations are expected to be finalized in the near future.

Agencies apply each year for funding from the United Way of Milton and need it more than ever with the town's increasing population, Eadie said.

She added there's a growing focus on youth in the programming of the funded agencies.

"There's a lot of new young people in our community," Eadie said.

As plans get underway for

this year's campaign, Eadie said there are plenty of opportunities for volunteers including on the various committees. Just a few of the positions looking to be filled are in the areas of marketing, communications and strategic planning.

Anyone interested in lending a hand can call the United Way of Milton at (905) 875-2550.

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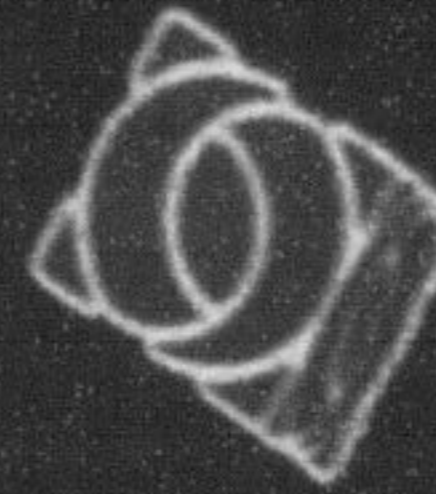
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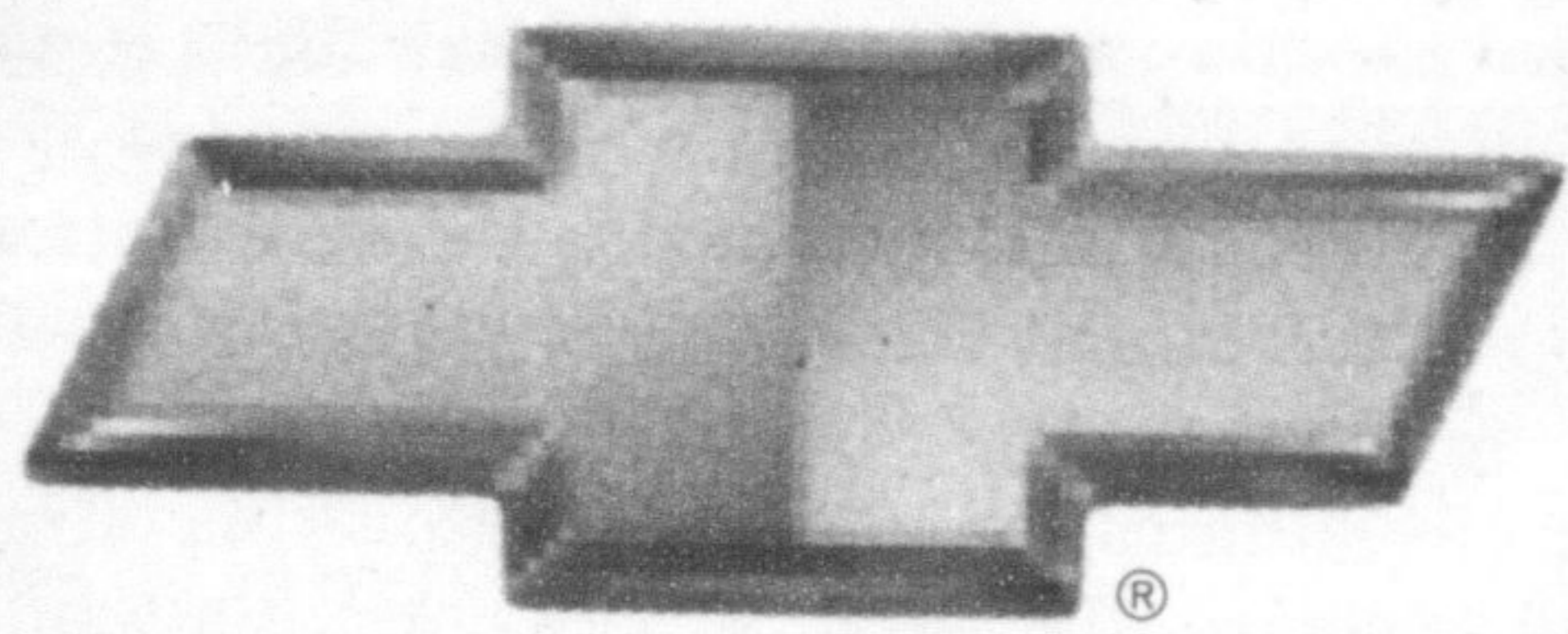
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