

Rikki was inspired by Jayde

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She was doing it all in the name of a special little girl who had come to mean a lot to her. From the moment Rikki met Jayde, the two-year-old niece of her mom's boyfriend, she became like a "mother hen" to her, said her mom, Shelley.

Sadly, Jayde passed away just two-and-a-half weeks ago.

When Jayde was initially diagnosed with brain cancer last year, Rikki said she was devastated and decided to channel those feelings into action.

"She really inspired me and I wanted to do something, so I decided to cut my hair (for a wig)," Rikki said.

Such a selfless action wasn't out of character for Rikki, Shelley said.

"She's always been a little go-getter. She's always been a caring, loving person and she makes things happen."

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Prenatal group holds registration

Is there a baby in your future?

The Halton Region Health Department's Healthiest Babies Possible prenatal program is currently accepting registrations.

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Shoppers' annual campaign to aid hospital

Shoppers Drug Mart's Tree of Life campaign is branching out this year to help the local community.

The fundraiser — which runs from tomorrow to September 15 — traditionally helps national charities, but this year donations

made in town will also help the Milton District Hospital Foundation.

Residents can visit either local Shoppers Drug Mart location to contribute by purchasing a paper leaf for \$1, maple leaf for \$5 or apple for \$50.

When the final amount is tallied, 75 per cent of the funds will go to the hospital foundation and 25 per cent will be directed to national healthcare charities.

Donations can also be made on-line at www.shoppersdrugmart.ca.

Salvation Army seeks donations for Back to School Drive

The Salvation Army is asking the community to donate everything from backpacks to paper during its Back to School Drive on this month.

School-related items can be dropped off at the Salvation Army's local branch anytime

between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 24 hours a day at the Milton Fire Department's Central Station on Steeles Avenue, Station 2 in Campbellville on Reid Sideroad and A&P on Laurier Avenue.

Additional supplies needed include lunch

bags, pens, pencils, binders and more.

Salvation Army Community Relations Coordinator Rachel Sheils said juice, hot cereal, cookies and crackers are also required.

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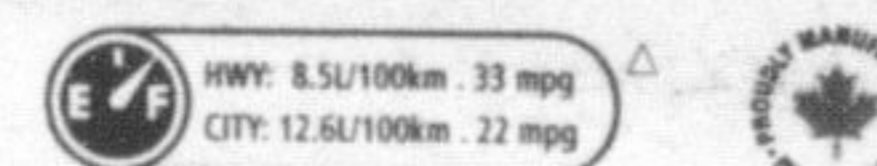
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