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# Milton comes through for United Way

## Record-setting year for campaign

The United Way of Milton capped its silver anniversary in record-breaking fashion.

Turning 25 last year, the local chapter raised a total of \$608,546 in 2007 — the most ever. This not only surpassed its goal but exceeded 2006's tally by more than \$60,000.

That's good news for the 25 local agencies that rely on the United Way to help a growing number of Milton families. Last year, more than 9,800 Miltonians directly benefited from services funded by the organization.

Part of the money was also used for special anniversary year projects.

"What a great way to cap off our 25th anniversary year," said chapter president Marilyn Samuels. "The people of Milton really came through and supported the work of the United Way of Milton."

Nearly a third of the 2007 total came from the agency's

three signature events — the Mayor's golf tournament, the gala dinner and auction and the Christmas house tour.

Two corporations — Meritor Suspension Systems and Roxul Inc. — each made donations in excess of \$10,000, while employee groups from Meritor, the Town of Milton, the Halton District School Board, the Halton Catholic District School Board and Sobeys each raised between \$10,000 and \$20,000 through payroll deductions and special events.

Another 17 companies, 24 employee groups and 25 individuals made contributions of more than \$1,000 apiece.

## Region to put lights out in 'Earth Hour'

The Region is making plans to take part in Earth Hour this month and is challenging local residents and businesses to participate.

At a recent meeting, regional council endorsed Halton's participation in the international movement that will see communities around the world turn the lights out for one hour, from 8 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, Mar. 29 to draw attention to climate change.

"Halton Region is proud to join other Halton municipalities and communities around the world for Earth Hour, and I encourage businesses and residents throughout Halton to join our efforts," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "We are committed to doing everything we can as an organization to reduce our impact on climate change."

The inaugural Earth Hour took place in Sydney, Australia last year. Almost 2.3 million people and 2,100 Sydney businesses turned off their lights for one hour, reducing the city's energy consumption by 10 per cent for that period and saving 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide — the equivalent of taking 50,000 cars off the road for one hour.

Locally, several communities have confirmed their participation in the environmental endeavour, including all four Halton municipalities, Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga and Guelph.

For more information visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).

## Region programs recognized

Halton Region has received recognition for a couple of its programs.

The municipality has been awarded the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Excellence in Planning Award in the communications/public education category for its Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

It's also the recipient of the Gold Waste Minimization Award (promotion category) from the Recycling Council of Ontario for its iRecycle waste diversion programs for schools and community groups.

Last but not least, the Region was named the 2007 Municipal Employer of the Year by the Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians.

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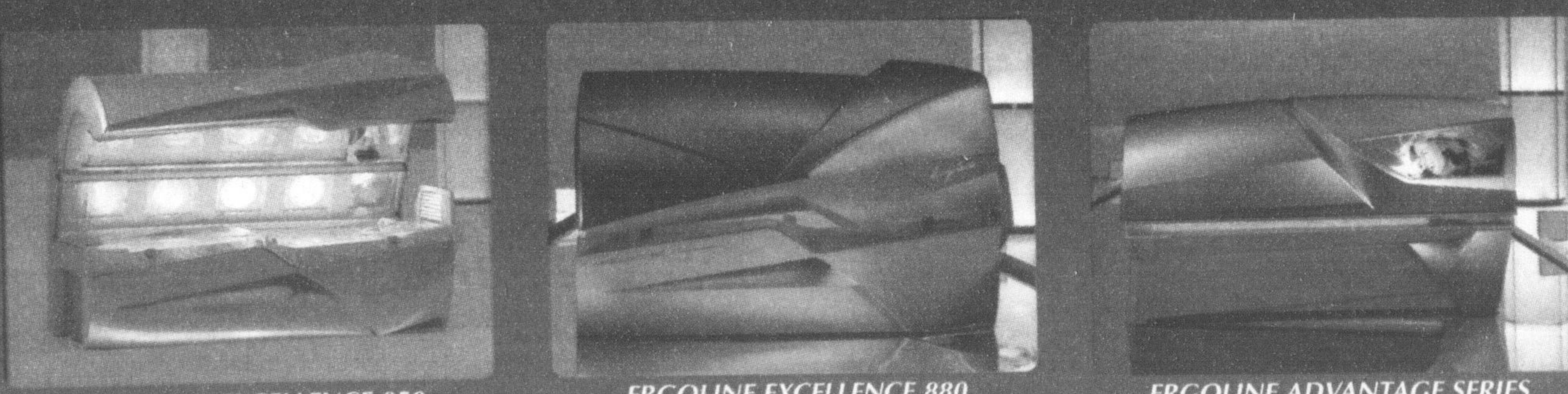
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