

OPINION

Make some noise

Yesterday Canadians celebrated all the things that make this country great.

One of those things is a universal health-care system, in which everyone has the same opportunity, regardless of their financial situation, to get the care they need.

But with massive population growth, it's becoming more and more difficult for people to access that care in this town.

And with word that construction of the new Oakville hospital has been delayed by a year, what will happen to the planned expansion of the already stretched Milton District Hospital?

We don't think it's an exaggeration to say the hospital is headed for a cri-

sis. Just do the math. Even if Milton's expansion proceeds on schedule, the earliest completion date would be 2014. The town's population is expected to climb to more than 100,000 by then. Meanwhile, the hospital was built to serve a population of 30,000.

Halton's PC MPP Ted Chudleigh and Oakville's Liberal MPP Kevin Flynn are putting politics aside to fight for the hospitals in their communities.

But they can't do it alone. That's why we're calling on the Town of Milton and local residents to make a whole lot of noise to ensure the community's precious hospital isn't left behind any longer. Lives could be at stake.



ReadersWrite

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Community comes through to support our local cadets

DEAR EDITOR:

We've all heard the phrase, "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men," but how about, "Who knows what kindness lurks in the hearts of Miltonians."

The local Army Cadet Corps shares rental of a building at the fairgrounds with the local Sea Cadet Corps.

When we found out that the building was in vast and urgent need of electrical repairs, we reached out to the community.

I contacted Mario Ferko, who's in charge of the Halton electrical OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program). Within minutes he returned my e-mail and we discussed the issues at the building.

In the next couple of days he had come to the cadet building and agreed to have his OYAP students perform all the labour free of charge.

Now I feel that two youth organizations working together is an amazing thing in itself. But it doesn't end there.

Although Ferko and his students would be performing the labour without cost, we still had to provide the materials. Being short on funding, we wouldn't be able to repair anything but the bare necessities — if that.

One phone call to the manager of our local Home Depot and she advised me to e-mail her a materials list. In order to work within our timeframe, Home Depot pulled out all the stops and within two days agreed to donate all the materials we required.

Now the electrical system in the building will not only be brought up to code, but upgraded to fill all of our needs.

It's so heartwarming to find local youth organizations and businesses working together.

Thanks so much.

**KAREN SINDEN, PRESS LIAISON
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ARMY CADET CORPS**

Volleyball coverage much appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Mountain Athletic Club (MAC) volleyball program, thank you for your support of our 10 male and female teams this past season.

It has been another successful season, finishing with two golds and one silver at the national championships.

As volunteers, it has been a pleasure

working with you in recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of these outstanding athletes and coaches in their pursuit of volleyball excellence.

We look forward to working with you once again next season.

**NANCY CASTURA, MEDIA
RELATIONS CO-ORDINATOR
MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB**

Thanks to all who made fundraiser a big success

DEAR EDITOR:

Halton Women's Place would like to thank everyone who participated in our 16th annual charity golf tournament held June 5 at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club.

Your participation ensured that it was our most successful event in its history.

The event featured special guests Hal Johnson and Joanne McLeod from Body Break, Dan Dunleavy from The Fan 590 and long drive professionals Cam Natale and Bob Dailey.

The event's success couldn't have been achieved without the support and participation of all our sponsors, golfers and prize donors. These individuals and corporations that supported us this year allowed us to have a record-breaking event. Special thanks goes out to our event sponsors: Gordon Food Service, Groupex Canada, Crosswinds Golf and Country Club, Quality Tube, Mandarin Restaurant, CIBC and our live auction sponsor Norwalk the Furniture Idea.

The proceeds raised at the tournament allow us to continue to provide our shelter and transitional support services throughout the year. Our shelters run annually at 112 per cent capacity and 68 per cent of our residents are children. Last year we assisted more than 800 women and 1,000 children.

Participation in this tournament reflects the dedication to building healthy communities and allows us to continue to offer women and children hope, and a safe place to access emergency shelter.

Halton Women's Place greatly appreciates your support and participation. On behalf of the women and children who access our services, thank you for giving them the chance for a safer tomorrow.

Together we can make a difference.

**CHRISTINA MACKAY,
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