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EXCUSE ME WHILE I KISS THE SKY: Marco Riikonen of the Thorne FMX freestyle motorcross team takes to the air during a stunt show at the new Honda dealership on Steeles Avenue Saturday.

Men needed to serve as 'Big Brothers'

Many young boys in Milton look forward to perhaps going fishing or licking an ice cream cone on a warm summer afternoon.

But for those on the waiting list for a Big Brother, these moments aren't as fun — or are simply out of reach — without a mentor and companion. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton has reported a severe shortage of male mentors in the Milton area, despite the agency's campaign to find '100 Good Men' in 2008.

While the campaign has attracted some new volunteers, many more are needed.

According to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton co-ordinator of volunteers Wendy Somerville, "Being a Big Brother doesn't have to be an expensive or time-consuming proposition. Basketball in the park, scavenger hunts, fishing, building a birdhouse are all inexpensive activities that can result in amazing memories for a child who doesn't have a positive male model in their life."

For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton Milton office, (905) 878-8840, e-mail info@bbbshalton.ca or visit www.bbbshalton.ca.

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