

Teens to go hungry to raise funds to aid global food crisis

Hunger isn't fun for anyone, but for many people around the world it's more than a growling stomach.

For some, it's a matter of life and death.

Several groups of Milton youths are getting ready to step up to the plate to do their part in helping feed and provide the necessities of life to people in developing countries.

The national 30 Hour Famine — where students collect pledges and go without food for 30 hours — will take place tonight and

tomorrow, with a number of groups around town participating.

Last April, almost 500 Milton teens from schools, churches and youth organizations volunteered the 30 hours of their time and managed to raise almost \$10,000.

A few groups will do their "famine" later in the month; the event at E.C. Drury will take place overnight April 30.

This year's national goal is to raise \$5 million for projects in areas most devastated by

the global food crisis. There will be 100,000 Canadian young people participating.

The economic downturn has most affected impoverished countries already suffering from higher fuel and food prices, conflict, poverty and HIV and AIDS, said a World Vision spokesperson.

"Preventing child hunger and malnutrition must be everyone's top priority in response to the global crisis," said Esther Park, event co-ordinator for World Vision.

"Canadian youth are doing their part in motivating their friends, families and communities to get involved in this initiative."

The 30 Hour Famine is Canada's longest running youth action campaign. It started in 1971 with a group of Calgary teens who held a fast, moved to action by TV images of a famine in Africa. The event now involves youth in 21 countries annually.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.famine.ca.



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Business Development Centre

Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs:

Starting a Small Business: A general overview of the things you will need to consider, including: resources to help you succeed; structure; registrations; regulations; licences; taxes; and financing options.

Wed., Apr. 15 – held at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(\$20/person)

First Steps in Exporting: In partnership with the Ministry of International Trade and Investment, this seminar will provide resources, programs and services available to potential exporters including export readiness, market research, export planning and practical issues.

Tues., Apr. 21 – held at Halton Regional Centre, Oakville (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(No charge for this seminar. Pre-registration is required)

Employed or Self-Employed: The Canada Revenue Agency will discuss employment status and how it affects a person's entitlement to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits.

Wed., Apr. 22 – held at Halton Regional Centre, Oakville (6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(No charge for this seminar. Pre-registration is required)

Market Research: An overview of the why and how of conducting market research for your business success.

Wed., Apr. 29 – held at Burlington Central Library (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(\$20/person)

Marketing: Learn how to convert those prospects into paying customers by learning about targeting, branding, market plans and promotion.

Wed., May 6 – held at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(\$20/person)

Growing in the Right Direction – Expert Advice: Get the best advice from business experts. A lawyer, accountant and a marketing expert will assist with your challenges and questions.

Wed., May 13 – held at the Milton Public Library (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

(\$20/person)

Contact us for more information and registration details for these events.

Good Friday Waste Collection Notice

Due to the Good Friday holiday on April 10, Friday's waste collection will take place on Saturday, April 11.

Easter Monday does **not** delay waste collection the week of April 13.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

Please check your 2009 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca/waste to use our "Search by Address" tool.

Halton Waste Management Site will be closed Friday, April 10, 2009

Regular Operating Hours

Open Monday to Saturday

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

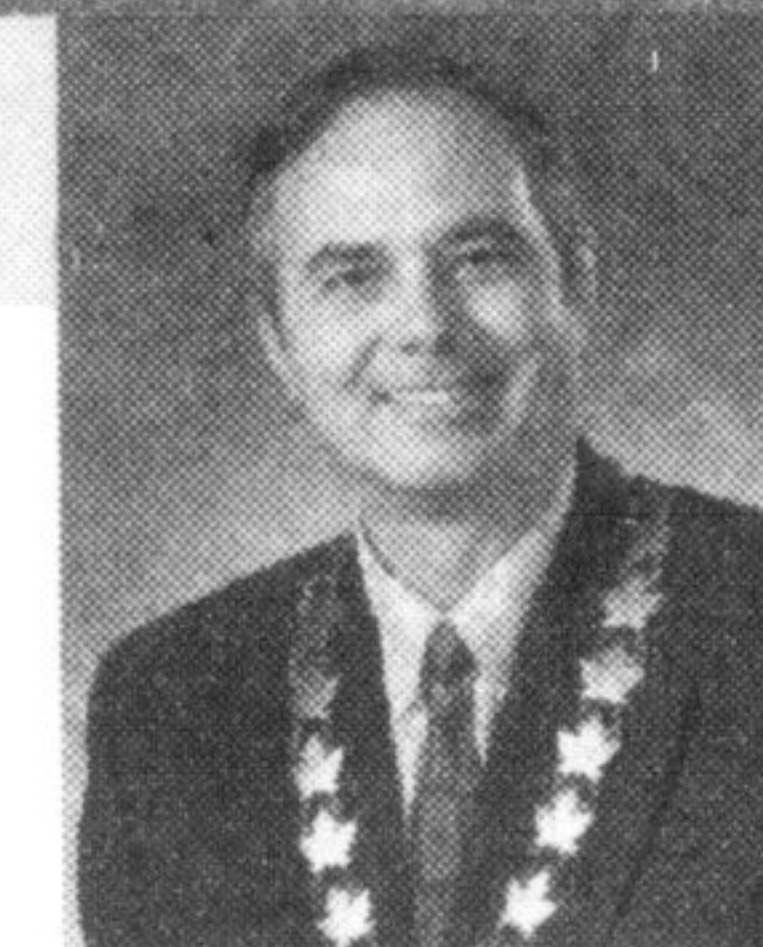
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

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Halton named a top employer for new Canadians

Mediacorp Canada Inc. has selected Halton Region as one of the Best Employers for New Canadians for 2009. This special designation recognizes "employers who offer interesting programs to assist new Canadians in making the transition to a new workplace -- and a new life in Canada." Halton Region is committed to assisting employees who are recent immigrants to Canada by offering mentoring programs or internships for foreign trained professionals.

As our immigrant population increases, Halton is dedicated to responding to the changing needs of our residents. We are very proud to have received this important acknowledgment.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Apr. 10	Holiday/Offices Closed	
Apr. 14	9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
Apr. 15	9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee