

OPINION

Let's back police's vital application

In Halton, there are 5,000 people with Alzheimer's and 4,795 with dementia.

That's all the reason we need to support Halton Regional Police's bid to obtain \$60,000 in funding for a new tracking device system to help locate missing sufferers of such diseases.

As reported in Thursday's *Champion*, police have made an application to insurance company Aviva, which, through its community fund, will give away a total of \$1 million to the top 30 causes.

Halton police can get a share of the dough for this

important tracking system with the help of members of the public, who are asked go online and vote.

In the first round, people can vote up to 10 times a day until this Friday.

The top ideas will be entered into the semifinals, at which point votes can once again be placed.

Final judging will take place between December 20 and January 14.

Please go online and vote for Halton police's very worthy application by visiting www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf9399.

Your vote could help save a life.



Readers Write

Email letters to editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com. Letters, which may be edited, must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

We're so grateful for amazing emergency crews, neighbours

DEAR EDITOR:

We're forever indebted to the amazing firefighters from both Milton and Halton Hills.

On October 3 we suffered a house fire. Thanks to the quick initial response of the Milton Fire Department, our home was saved and suffered minimal structural damage. Seeing the incredible amount of smoke and water damage to the home has shown us the intense amount of work carried out by the fire crews from both services. We're grateful.

The professionalism, capability and compassion shown by our fire services during both the fire and the subsequent investigation and reporting period are greatly appreciated. It made a difficult situation that much easier.

We're incredibly thankful for the school programs and training provided to our

children by the fire departments. Due to the safety and education programming provided in the schools over the years, our children knew exactly what to do to get out safely and calmly.

Many thanks to all who supported the efforts of the fire departments. This included the EMS staff, who attended on site to make sure both we and the fire crews were well, and the Halton Regional Police, who directed traffic on our street and ensured that the fire crews and tanker trucks could get to us quickly.

And lastly, thanks to our wonderful neighbours, the Pandas and the Chudleighs, who opened their homes to us on the day of the fire. We're fortunate to live in such an amazing and caring community.

JODY JOHNSON
HALTON HILLS

Milton bus driver was great during field trip

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to tell you about a man named Cam.

Cam is a Milton Transit bus driver.

We would like to thank him for helping us when we used the bus on a recent

school field trip.

He was very friendly, and he helped us to put the wheelchairs in.

LIFE SKILLS CLASS
CHRIS HADFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

More support needed for AIDS medicine bill

DEAR EDITOR:

Oomama would like to update our community on the progress of Bill C-393, which would allow inexpensive AIDS medicine to flow more quickly to Africa.

The Grandmother to Grandmother campaign to promote this legislation has been buoyed by thousands in our community, who have signed petitions and postcards to politicians. If only we could get similar co-operation from a majority in the House of Commons and the Senate.

Right now, there's a Bill (C-393) in process that would accomplish our goal. Unfortunately the Industry Committee voted to eliminate what we find to be the most important provisions in the bill. However, there's still a chance to restore C-393 to its original form.

Oomama is asking your readers to help us again by emailing or writing postage-free to the prime minister at the House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6. Please ask him to use his influence so that C-393, including the single licence clause, passes in both the House and the Senate. If the Conservatives vote in favour of the Bill, it will pass.

Together we can turn the tide of AIDS in Africa and alleviate the suffering of millions of people.

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