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Shocking statistics show poverty here

By KAREN SMITH

Most residents don't realize Milton has almost as many poor people as a nearby city about four times its size, said a representative from the Salvation Army recently.



Betty Zelinsky

"I want you to know our statistics run closely behind Burlington," Betty Zelinsky told an audience at Hugh Foster Hall last week. "That's an awful lot of people for a town this size."

Mrs. Zelinsky, of the local Salvation Army, was speaking at the annual meeting of an organization devoted to helping those in need — the United Way of Milton.

Every month, the Salvation Army in Milton comes to the aid of 50 families, she said. In 1989, the organization helped feed and clothe 577 families totalling 1,443 people, and also provided 40 nights of shelter.

"Fortunately, the community is extremely generous with donations," Mrs. Zelinsky added. She said

Milton's most serious problem is the lack of affordable housing. The town needs more projects like the Bronte Street geared-to-income housing complex developed by the Rotary Club of Milton.

"We're grateful for what they did, but it doesn't touch the tip of the iceberg," she said. Besides material supplies, Mrs. Zelinsky often provides emotional support to her clients.

"Most of the clients who come to us are in crisis situations," she said. The *Canadian Champion* will publish an in-depth feature on the plight of Milton's poverty stricken in the near future.

Participation Challenge

Newmarket wins again

By KAREN SMITH

More than 8,000 residents took the challenge, but Milton still came up short.

Newmarket once again beat Milton in Wednesday's Participation Challenge. Approximately 48 per cent of Newmarket residents reported doing some form of physical activity, while only 24 per cent did so in Milton.

Residents were required to do a minimum 15 minutes of exercise and call Town Hall to report it. The town with the highest percentage of the population participating would win.

As part of Canada's Fitweek, the challenge prompted Milton community groups, schools and businesses to get involved.

Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School reported the highest number of participants. Approximately 900 students and teachers

cycled, walked, skipped or did karate.

"They did the best in the whole community," said Barb Robb, recreation coordinator for the Town's leisure services department.

"The schools are what really helped us."

Approximately 600 Milton District High School students twisted and skipped and 626 Sam Sherratt School pupils performed some form of exercise. Our Lady of Victory School reported 573 participants while Holy Rosary counted 474, followed by St. Peter's at 320. E.C. Drury High School students also did their share of twisting.

In the evening, 58 people walked the second annual Milton Mile — a stroll from the Town Hall parking lot to the Milton Mall food court. Participants who wore the wackiest costumes won prizes.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Low impact aerobics?

For Gina Ramsay, it seemed to be just that, but probably the opposite for Saskia Timm at Milton District High School Wednesday. The students were helping out in Milton's Participation challenge, which is becoming an annual tradition as Milton competes against Newmarket. Unfortunately for Milton, losing appears to be an annual tradition too, at least to date. Oh well, there's always next year. Please see story at left.

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