

Agency which helps children kicks off fundraising campaign

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Although the Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton became a registered charity in March, its \$200,000 fundraising campaign kicked off last week to coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention Month (October).

The inaugural meeting, at which the campaign goal and objectives of the foundation were announced, also coincided with the second anniversary of the opening of Civitan House at Stuart Farm in Oakville, one of two homes for children aged 12 to 16 who come into the care of the Halton Children's Aid Society.

The funds will be used for several purposes. Residences such as Greenmount, a new home purchased about three months ago in Milton, will benefit, along with Civitan House. Funds will also be set aside for bursaries to help finance CAS wards going to college or university, and to send kids to summer camp.

Jordan Sullivan, president of the Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton, and a past-president of the Halton CAS, focused on the history of the CAS to explain the foundation's goals.

"The Children's Aid Society was established to assist neglected children in the old fashioned concept of the early 1900s," he told the gathering at Civitan House.

"The CAS had the power to remove children and to find alternative parenting for them in foster homes, and to facilitate adoptions."

He noted the society's role changed to assist single mothers with their decisions on whether to keep their babies or give them up for adoption after World War II.

"The question of neglected children changed to the question of abused children, and we learned that abuse of children had been going on for centuries, both physically and sexually."

"Here, the CAS has the power to



Photo by WILMA BLOKHUIS

Marilyn McCulloch models the new T-shirt of the Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton, at last week's inaugural meeting of the foundation at Civitan House in Oakville. She is flanked by, at left, Ron Coupland, executive director of the Halton CAS and Jordan Sullivan, president of the foundation.

intervene and remove the children, taking them into care with little more than the clothing on their backs."

Mr. Sullivan explained that children coming into care are placed in receiving homes, where their needs are assessed and education provided through an alternative arrangement with Halton Board of Education, before they are transferred into foster homes. Behind Civitan House is Civitan School, for example, which has a capacity of six students for remedial work.

"Unfortunately, children are no longer a government priority," Mr. Sullivan lamented, explaining the reasoning behind launching this foundation.

"The government is helping the aged and battered women, hence there is less funding for children."

Mr. Sullivan said the bursary pro-

gram will be to provide extra funding for university and college bound CAS wards "who have shown a real ability but do not have the means to attend a post-secondary school institution." And the camps are provided for the children to give foster parents a respite during the summer.

The foundation is run by a 10-member board of directors consisting of business people from across Halton.

"We have to raise the funds to protect the children," said Marilyn McCulloch, executive vice-president of the foundation. In charge of fundraising, she said corporations, businesses, service clubs and CAS supporters will be contacted for donations, in addition to raising funds from the sale of T-shirts for \$10 each.

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AVAILABILITY OF 1990 COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act gave approvals to Halton Region in 1989 for the development of a new landfill site in the Town of Milton. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act was included and a number of Conditions were set.

Condition 14 of the approval requires that:

"On or before October 1st of each year, the Regional Corporation shall submit a report to the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch of the Ministry of the Environment for filing on the public record which describes compliance with these conditions of approval ... The Regional Corporation shall publish notice of the availability of this report in the principal newspapers in the Region".

The 1990 Compliance Report was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, under date September 27, 1990. Copies of the Report can be obtained by the general public from:

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