

Scholtz couple sets up committee to manage fundraisers

Family overwhelmed with town's support of their little girl

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Concerned with events spinning out of control and overwhelmed by the amount of support from the community, the parents of Deidre Scholtz have set up a co-ordinating committee to manage events surrounding their daughter's fight for life.

"We don't want to offend all the people who've helped," said Liz VanCleaf-Scholtz. "We were totally overwhelmed by the response to the clinic for the bone marrow registry. There were 2,003 donors and people there working all day who we had never met. We haven't quite figured out how to say thank you."

Concerns with fundraising events bumping into each other, liability attached to un-sanctioned events and event pacing as well as incomplete thank you initiatives forced the couple to set up the committee.

Of extra concern was an advertisement printed

in a recent issue of *The Champion* which thanked a number of people and businesses for their help regarding Deidre. Many people phoned the family to say worthy people had been left off the list. Clem Scholtz, Deidre's father, wanted to make it clear that the ad didn't come from the family and asked no more such notices be published.

The family is facing a \$125,000 bill for lab tests conducted on all the donors at the Milton clinic, held less than two weeks ago.

The bill will be due in about another month, according to Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz, who said the fundraising was well on its way to raising the necessary money but there's still a long way to go.

"I've lived in small towns all my life and I've never seen a community come out in such numbers in support of a cause. People have very graciously taken the crumbled pieces of our lives and put them back together. We can go on because of the strength we get from people in town."

Home from hospital

Five-year-old Deidre is home from the hospital most days, but because her immune system is not working she has been largely isolated from even minor health problems. Even the most minor infection could kill her.

Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz said Deidre knows she's a sick little girl and every effort has been made

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to let her know what is happening to her so she can understand.

Currently Deidre's condition is stable and drug therapy, which has about a 60 per cent chance of restoring her own body's systems, has begun. It will take several months before results of that

therapy can be determined.

"We made a conscious decision to go public," said Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz. "We wanted the bone marrow donor clinic because we saw what was going on with other kids on the same ward at (Toronto's) Sick Children's Hospital and we wanted to do what we could to change it."

'Numb' during clinic

According to her mother, Deidre's reaction to last week's clinic was that it was "wonderful that all the people were helping her friends at the hospital and all their mommies and daddies."

Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz said she still finds it amazing and is unable to put her feelings into words. She said she was numb during the clinic itself.

The committee can be reached by phoning 878-3401 or 878-2401 and leaving a message.

Fire breaks out in centre basement

Careless smoking is believed to be the cause of a basement fire at Halton Adolescent Support Services on Commercial Street Thursday night.

According to Milton Fire Department spokesman Mark Cross, firefighters were called to the scene shortly after 7 p.m. when residents discovered the centre's basement on fire.

It was later determined that a cigarette had

been placed in a basement garbage can.

Residents of the home for troubled youths were alerted of the fire by a smoke detector.

Although firefighters contained the blaze to the basement area, the fire caused extensive smoke damage throughout the centre.

A damage estimate had not been determined. No one was hurt.

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RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL SERVING CAPACITY EXISTING MILTON URBAN AREA

The Region of Halton is in the process of considering a partnership to provide additional waste water servicing capacity in the existing Milton Urban Area. A new area-specific wastewater development charge by-law for the existing Milton Urban Area will be required to recover the costs of providing additional servicing capacity at the Milton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A Public Information meeting has been arranged for:

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 1996
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Lions Club Hall
Milton Memorial Arena
(77 Thompson Road south of Main Street East)

Information will be provided on the amount of servicing that is to be made available, the new area-specific development charge and the process for securing an allocation under the future release of additional servicing capacity.

For further information, please call the Planning and Public Works Department and ask for Ruth Victor at (905) 825-6161, Extension 7183 or (905) 878-8113, Extension 7183.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON IS ACCEPTING TENDERS FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF A WASHROOM/SNACK BAR BUILDING AT LIONS SPORT PARK

The project involves the construction of a 8.6m x 13m concrete block building containing accessible washrooms and a snack bar area. Included with the building is a 7m x 8.6m picnic overhang.

The documents may be obtained with a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit, from the Department of Leisure Services, Victoria Park Square (Brown Street at Mary) Milton, Ontario, Wednesday, March 27, 1996 after 2:00 p.m.

All tenders to be submitted should be placed in a sealed envelope which clearly states the nature of the Tender. Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, April 11, 1996 at the following address:

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TOWN OF MILTON VICTORIA PARK SQUARE
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