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Local hero Garry Ellwood recently received an award from the Halton Region Safety Council for snatching Garry Worth, 13, from the rushing waters of 16 Mile Creek last March. Hearing screams one evening while in his nearby yard, Mr. Ellwood assumed someone was in the creek. He dashed to get a rope, got the youngster on what might have been his only chance in the rushing water, and pulled him to safety.

## At their best in times of crisis

By KAREN SMITH The Champion \*

A search team that found a missing Alzheimer's patient in dense bush and a man who pulled a drowning Milton boy from a creek were among 20 people - and one dog - recently honoured with awards from the Halton Region Safety Council.

Presented with a lifesaving award in Oakville was the search team responsible for finding 75-year-old James Thomson of Moffat, who failed to return from

walking his dog in June last year.

The volunteer group - Lynn McBratney, a civilian employee of Halton Regional Police, and her friends Cathy Comeau, Janice Torrell, Kim Knox, all of Brampton, and Ross Knox, visiting from the Yukon were drawn toward a barking dog deep in the woods and discovered the man, near death, lying in dense bush and bog.

The five-year-old dog, Topnotch, who stayed by his fallen master's side during the ordeal, was also pre-• see SEVERAL on page 24

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