

## A great way to grow. . .

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Meals are prepared at Halton Centennial Manor.

A core of about 25 drivers are utilized once or twice a month. Mrs. Cooke said more could be involved and anyone interested in driving for Meals on Wheels may contact her at 878-6639.



### Visits part of care

The Victorian Order of Nurses has not traditionally been viewed as a volunteer agency but the needs of patients has moved the organization in that direction.

While the VON provides professional health care services, the sometimes isolated state of elderly and chronically ill patients necessitates further care.

A friendly visitor service was started last June in Oakville and recently expanded to Milton. The visiting program's appearance in Milton came about with the interest shown by a particular volunteer.

Dafne Tonellato is acting as the local program co-ordinator and has had some success in attracting volunteers. Her function is to follow up VON referrals by visiting patients who could benefit from the program.

During these visits she is able to assess needs and discover the interests of patients. Knowing the expectations of patients enables her to match volunteers with similar interests to the patient.

Anyone interested in becoming a friendly visitor should call 878-5773.

### Uniformed volunteers

Those uniformed providers of first aid who are seen regularly at public gatherings are all volunteers.

St. John Ambulance, an organization more than 900 years old, consists of a core of trained, uniformed volunteers. There are 25 in Milton, many of who are using their experience as basic training in their pursuit of a career in some area of medicine or health care, according to Don Miller who heads the local branch.

Along with volunteers who make up the active "brigade", there are seven who handle administration for the branch and four training instructors. Volunteers who conduct training sessions are usually given an honorarium as the demand for this service is high. The provincial body has a contract with Worker's Compensation to provide such training to groups of workers.

### North Halton's umbrella

The North Halton Volunteer Centre is a community service funded by the Halton Social Planning Council, whose purpose is to encourage citizens to take part in their community.

The volunteer centre has information on the programs and needs of many community organizations and agencies which require volunteer help. People who are interested in volunteering can be referred through the Volunteer Centre to a volunteer opportunity, in Milton or Halton Hills, that suits their interest, skills and available time.

Besides referring volunteers to other agencies and organizations, the North Halton Volunteer Centre also uses volunteers in the office, as interviewers and on various committees.

For further information, the office at 164 Guelph Street Georgetown, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 877-3219. The Co-ordinator is Maureen McCallum.

The Centre serves all of North Halton. Interviews can be arranged for Milton and Acton areas also.



### A big help for boys

Big Brothers is a one-boy-one-man program that really works.

Any boy from a father absent home from six to 16 years of age is eligible to be matched with a Big Brother Volunteer. In the Oakville and Milton area 70 boys now enjoy the tremendous benefits of being involved with an adult male friend.

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### Learn law and help

The Elizabeth Fry Society, Peel-Halton Branch, is a voluntary charitable agency that helps people in trouble with the law. Volunteers are an essential part of the Elizabeth Fry Society's services.

They befriend women in correctional facilities and our half-way house; by becoming involved in various programmes such as one to one; transportation; clothing room etc.

Volunteers are active in Community Service Order Programmes.

They assist at the office by performing routine office duties; working in the reception area; answering the telephone and typing.

Volunteers serve on ad hoc and standing committees and may be elected to the Board of Directors. They also participate in public education programmes.

Orientation, training and on going support and development is provided to all volunteers.

For more information call 878-8750.

### Service and funds for Manor

Providing a better quality of life for residents of Halton Centennial Manor has been the purpose of a group of volunteers for more than 20 years.

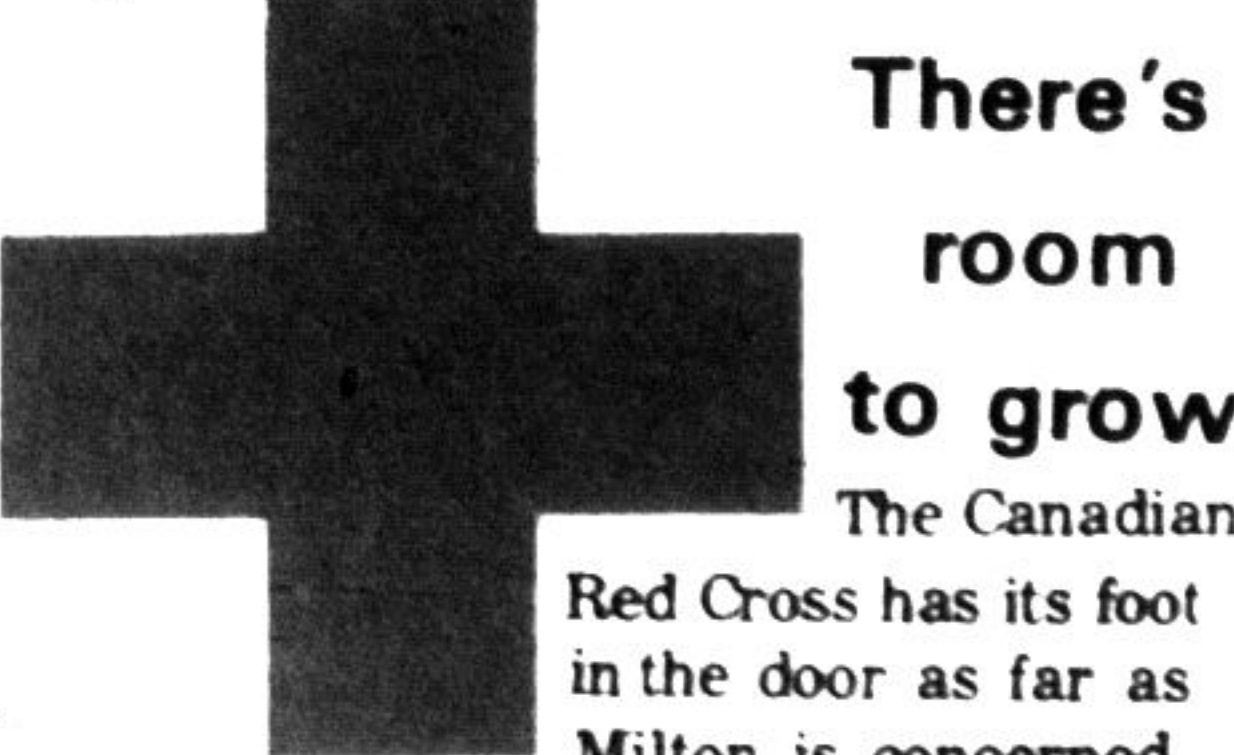
Halton Centennial Manor Auxiliary was formed in 1961 to provide recreational and social activities for residents and generate funds which are returned to the home for the aged in various ways.

Volunteers auxiliaries conduct an active visitation program and operate special teas for residents and assist with daytime and evening activities at the facility.

The big events sponsored by the group are two annual bazaars held in the spring and fall. Among items offered for sale are crafts created by residents from materials supplied by the auxiliary.

Funds generated by the auxiliary are used to purchase anything from wall clocks to television sets and whirlpool baths. Two bus trips each year are sponsored by the group.

Anyone wishing to join the auxiliary may contact Verna Callan at 878-9157.



### There's room to grow

The Canadian

Red Cross has its foot in the door as far as Milton is concerned.

There are 15 services and programs which can be offered by the society and three of these operate in Milton. Volunteers are responsible for blood donor clinics held every three months in Milton as well as the sickroom equipment loan service.

A homemaker service is also available to Miltonians through the Red Cross and is carried out by paid professionals.

Deficit funding caused the Red Cross in Milton to lose its branch status in 1979 and since that time the Milton unit has been under the umbrella of the Oakville Society.

There is currently a move toward building a branch here once again. The establishment of a firm foothold here will not only increase the visibility of services offered here already but cause more to be available.

A branch can be built by a core of dedicated volunteers of which one person would provide leadership.

Anyone interested in strengthening the local Red Cross should call the North Halton Volunteer Centre at 877-3219.



### The community inside

Maplehurst was officially opened in 1975 and has a capacity for housing, in a medium security setting, four hundred adult males who are serving sentences of less than two years.

The Ministry of Correctional Services regards its institutions as part of the community and encourages the community to become involved as volunteers. Maplehurst is no exception in this regard — we are eager to involve local people as volunteers in the various programs.

Volunteers at Maplehurst may become involved in programs of group discussions.

Volunteers are also needed to join with the inmates in the various spiritual programs that occur every week.

The Educational Program utilizes volunteers in the classroom.

Volunteers may also be matched with particularly isolated inmates on a one-to-one basis to simply befriend and visit the inmate who is not receiving any outside contact.

All interested persons fill out an application and are interviewed to provide further information before a commitment is made. Orientation and on-the-job training is supplemented by periodic training sessions for all volunteers.

Please feel free to contact Maplehurst's Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Pam Skinner for further information at 878-8141.

### One roof for all

An \$8,000 start-up grant from Regional Government will make it possible for the social service providers of Milton to get together under one roof in the fall of the year.

Presently human service needs are delivered from numerous and diverse locations in Town. The locations now include basements, vacant rooms in schools and churches, as well as restaurant. This type of operation is inefficient, difficult for people to reach, and leaves a lot to be desired.

The Milton Multi-Service Centre would provide shared office and meeting facilities for the 24 member agencies of the United Way of Milton which need space, as well as any other interested agencies and service organizations. The Multi-Service Centre will also house the Volunteer Bureau who will co-ordinate the use of the facility, and man the telephone and reception area.

A Steering Committee is currently looking for a suitable and highly visible location for the Multi-Service Centre which will provide improved accessibility for our citizens. The Multi-Service Centre will be operated by its own Board of Directors comprised of one representative from each user group.

The Multi-Service Centre will provide new challenges for our volunteers, both at an operational level and at an administrative level. Input and help from Miltonians is needed to ensure that this great opportunity for our Town is brought about effectively and in accordance with their wishes—for the benefit of all. Anyone interested in the implementation of this concept is invited to call 878-2550 for details.

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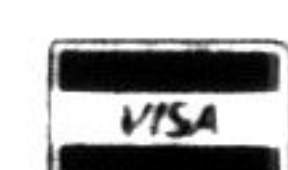
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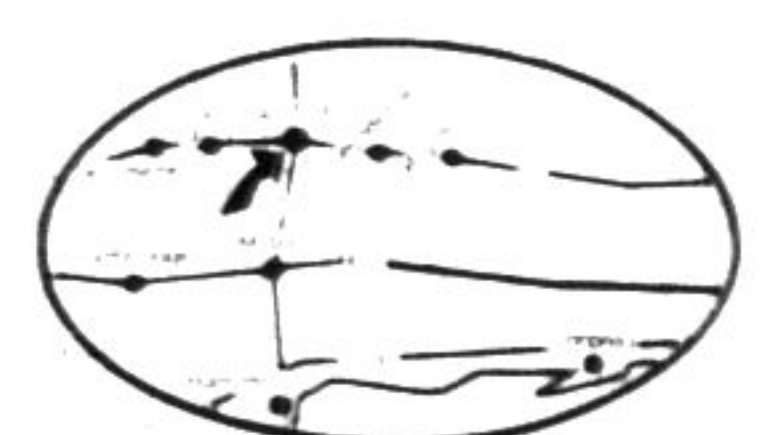
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