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### Hefty haul

Hundreds of bags of non-perishable food filled a Milton Transit bus Saturday, as organizers of the annual Stuff-A-Bus campaign accepted donations from shoppers out front of Metro. The food will help restock the shelves at the Milton Salvation Army Food Bank. Here, adding to the growing pile inside the bus are Jessie Wilson (left), 7, and sister Anna, 3. *Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton\_photog)*

### Reminder about rabies

The Halton Region Health Department is reminding the public about the increased risk for rabies exposure in the spring and summer, which can bring more encounters with wild animals.

Rabies, a viral disease that causes swelling in the brain and spinal cord, is spread through infected saliva, usually through a bite. Common carriers of the disease are bats, raccoons, foxes and skunks.

To protect yourself and pets, stay away from wild, stray and aggressive animals and make sure your pet is vaccinated. Seek medical attention immediately if you come into contact with a potentially rabid animal.

For more information on rabies, dial 3-1-1.



### Inspiring students

Motivational speaker Robert Pio Hajjar shared what it's like to live with Down syndrome at Craig Kielburger Secondary School Thursday. He told students "I can do it, you can do it." See story in Community page 8.

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## Milton makes national top 10 list

Milton has been chosen as one of the 10 best Canadian small cities in which to live.

It placed ninth in the annual ranking, which was released last week by MoneySense magazine.

The small city list was based on communities with a population under 100,000.

The ranking was based on 33 categories, including household income, crime rate, amenities, weather, transit and housing costs.

Taking the top three spots in the small cities list were St. Albert, Strathcona County and Lacombe, all towns in Alberta.

Halton Hills, which encompasses Georgetown and Acton, came in fifth.

In the overall ranking of Canada's best places in which to live Milton ranked 22nd, up from 78th place last year.

The best place to live in Canada was chosen to be Calgary, Alberta, followed by St. Albert, Alberta and Burlington respectively.

Oakville placed fifth, and Halton Hills placed 13th.

For more information about the annual ranking, visit [www.moneysense.ca/2013/03/20/canadas-best-places-to-live-2013](http://www.moneysense.ca/2013/03/20/canadas-best-places-to-live-2013).



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