Campaign helped 300 families, also had about 100 more volunteers than in 2013

(strong kettle campaign) important for the rest of the year, so yeah this is a big deal." In addition to the boost in donations thanks in part to kettles at two new locations, the recently opened Sobey's and LCBO E at Bronte Street and Louis St. Laurent Avenue

— the campaign saw about 100 more volunteers compared to-2013.

This allowed organizers to fill pretty much all of the 1,107 shifts from late November to Christmas Eve.

"I don't think we had more than 25 empty

shifts and we had the last week of the campaign filled well in advance," said Wiseman, noting that many teens from Jean Vanier Secondary School manned kettles at the nearby Sobey's and that volunteers came from all faiths — which he found especially encouraging. "The volunteer support was amazing."

The kettle campaign's strong turnout — with contributions picking up in mid-December and peaking on the 23rd — allowed the Milton Salvation Army to help 300 families with holiday hampers.

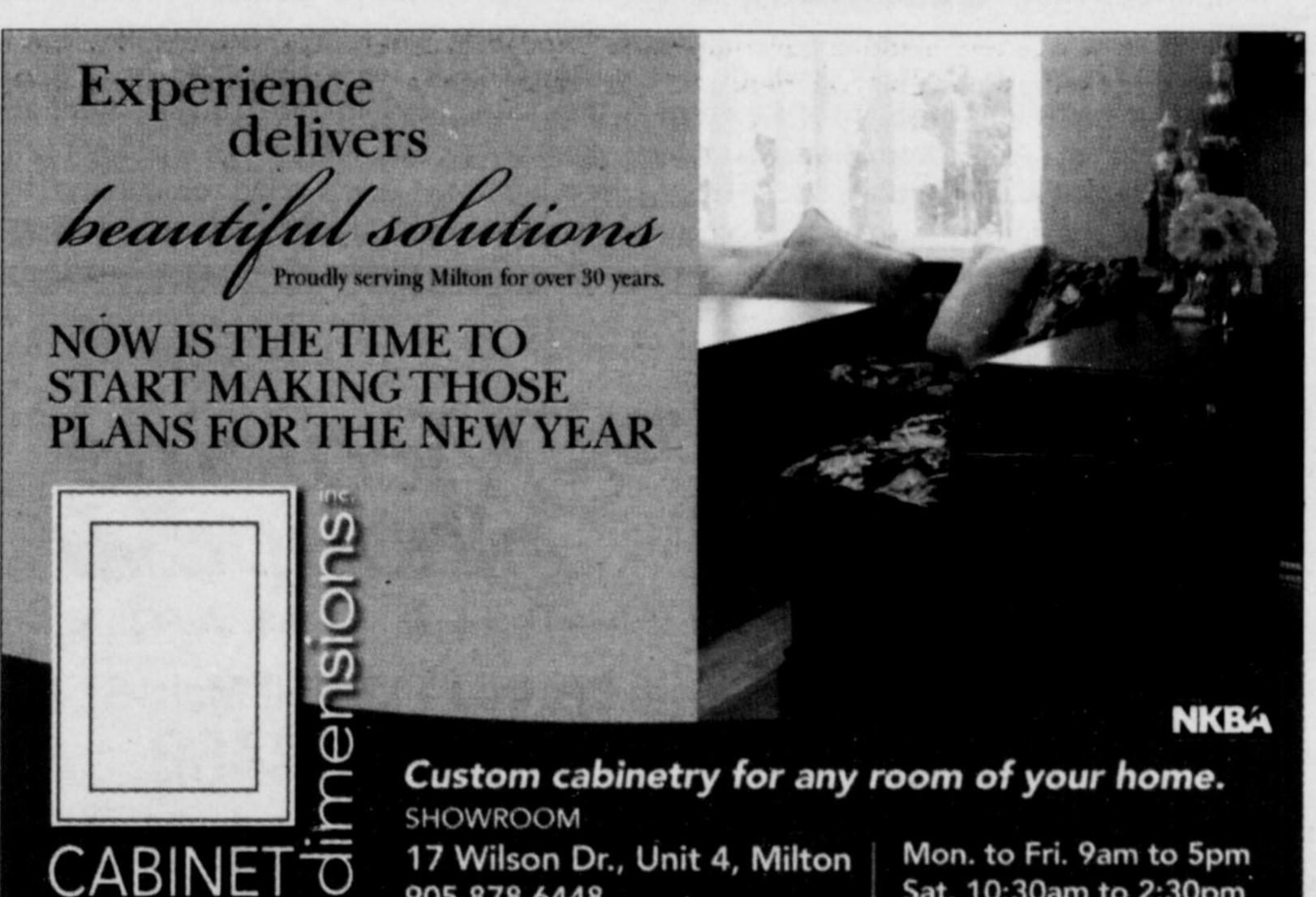
This included a turkey dinner with all the

trimmings, toys for the children and food for a month.

With the Salvation Army set to move its food bank location in January — just up the road to 820 Nipissing Rd. — a little extra food was given out over the holidays to help clear the shelves.

The strong support for the kettle campaign came on the heals of a record-breaking 25,225 pounds of food collected during the Milton Food Drive.

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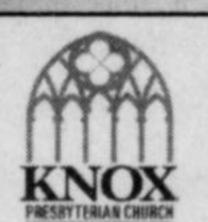


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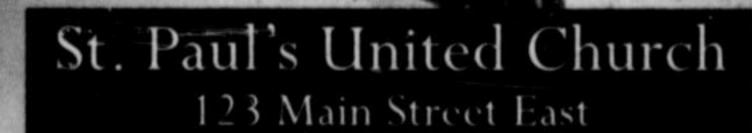
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