

Foster parents make difference to children

Sandy (not her real name) although only 11 years old, has already suffered many losses throughout her short life.

As a result she is a frustrated and angry little girl and her aggressive behavior reflects this. Sandy's mother is a single parent struggling with accommodation problems and alcoholism.

When Sandy's mother was no longer able to care for her properly, the Children's Aid Society had to find an alternate home for her. Initially it appeared that the chances of this child ever being reunited with her mother were slim.

However, thanks to her special foster parents and their strong commitment and determination, the prospect of Sandy returning home is now very good.

Sandy's foster parents are part of the Family Care Program, which is a specialized foster care program operated jointly by the Children's Aid Society of York Region and Thistletown Regional Centre, a children's mental health

centre. Families who become involved in this program have an opportunity to train for a rewarding career that involves working within their own homes.

Families must be emotionally mature, flexible, open minded and persistent. They must be willing to receive training and to work as part of a team with child welfare and mental health professionals and with the child's family.

Families involved in this program receive tax free remuneration, ongoing support, training and relief.

Without special foster parents a child like Sandy would likely have to be placed in a treatment institution, rather than in a warm and accepting family environment.

To learn more about this challenging and rewarding opportunity please contact Gloria Morrison at the Children's Aid Society of York Region at 895-2318, 722-3474, 733-6351 or 731-3150.



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Brownies welcomed

The Stouffville District Brownie Pack 5 welcomed 11 new members Thursday at St. James Presbyterian church. From the left, front row are Lindsey Forkun, Lindsey McIlwaine, Alison Heap, Katelyn Button and Joanna Eagar. Middle

row; Julie Nighswander, Jillian Goodbrand, Jennifer Zyla, Jessica Read, Shannon Cartwright and Charlene Morris. Back row are Tawny Owl Karen Dermody, Snowy Owl Joan Goss and Brown Owl Joanne Iannuzzi.

Childrens' theatre lets parents shop

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A variety of talented performances headed by Andrew V. Paganini and assisted by the muses of music and dance - Trepsichore (Denika Grim-

stone) and Euterpe (Ashley Barnes).

Complimentary entrance with same day receipt (minimum \$10) from any village shop or restaurant or \$4 per child. Suitable for children aged four and up.

Sponsored by the merchants and business people of Old Markham Village and produced by Sound Strokes Studios.

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