

## Big Brothers

# Program has provided benefits for both man and boy

By KATE GILDERDALE  
Correspondent

Two years ago, Diane Strickland approached Big Brothers of York Region on behalf of her 12-year-old son, Brandon.

"At that time I was sharing a house with another single mom and she had three daughters, so Brandon was the only male in a household with five females." Like many parents in similar situations, Strickland felt it was important for her son to have a regular, positive male role model in his life.

After filling out application forms, they were advised that there was a long waiting list but, as luck would have it, they were matched with Tom Ross, also a Stouffville resident, within a few weeks of being accepted into the program.

"We were told that he was married and had two daughters of his own, but that he would like to spend time with a boy. He seemed like a great guy, really fun loving," Strickland recalled. "My son is a great fisherman and this guy loved fishing, so we decided to get them together to see how they would hit it off." At the time, Ross's wife, Bonnie, was pregnant with the couple's third child.

"(Big Brothers) asked Tom what would happen if his wife had a baby boy and he said that as far as he was concerned, this was a commitment, and he always honored his commitments."

The organization also interviewed Bonnie, who was very supportive of her husband's desire to get involved with a Little Brother. Happily the two 'brothers' hit it off and became great fishing buddies, as well as getting involved in other activities.

And although Ross was incredibly

busy with work and his own family "he would still come and see Brandon," said Strickland, adding that Ross now has a son of his own, Tyler.

She describes the developing relationship between the two 'brothers' as being "something like a marriage. It takes a lot of getting used to each

other and give and take on both sides." But there's no doubt in her mind that the program is extremely worthwhile. (Please see page 20)



**"NO WAITING LISTS"**

Specializing in the care of Residents with **ALZHEIMERS**

24 Hr. Registered Nurse on duty  
Assisted Nursing Care Available  
Activation Program ie: Movies, Outings, Entertainment

**BEDS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY**

We currently have beds available for long term care placement or 30 day trial placement

We also have a 3 year Accredited Nursing Home adjoining our Retirement Home. Come in for a cup of tea and a tour of the home.

"Green Gables is now accepting residents in need of oxygen therapy"

Call Kathleen Gordon at **(905) 640-1310**  
9th Line, Stouffville

## TRUE CHAMPION



The only 4-time winner in AJAC history!

### The New 1995 Legacy

Featuring:

- All-Wheel Drive
- Air Conditioning
- More horsepower
- More leg and headroom
- More safety features

from **\$19,995**

New built in North America. Come in for a test drive today!

**SUBARU**  
The Beauty of All-Wheel Drive.

**SUBARU OF MARKHAM**  
9441 Main St. N. Hwy. #48  
472-8500

MAJOR MACKENZIE DR. 9441 MAIN ST. NORTH 16th AVE.

All makes & models come with 3 yr. CAA Roadside Assistance & 5 Yr. Warranty

EUREKA VACUUM CLEANERS • EUREKA VACUUM CLEANERS

FACTORY TRAINED FULL TIME INSTALLERS ON STAFF

BACKED BY THE WORLD'S LARGEST VACUUM CLEANER COMPANY IN CANADA SINCE 1948

Reg. \$379  
**\$279**

**EUREKA® Powerline™ Gold**

Home Cleaning System

- 3.0 Peak H.P. Motor
- Two motor system
- 8 cleaning attachments
- Cord rewind
- 1380 watts
- Model E6827

Reg. \$209<sup>95</sup>  
**\$119**

**EUREKA® Bravo!® Boss®**

Convenient On-Board Cleaning Attachments

- 9.0 Amp motor
- Triple filtration bag system
- 7-position carpet height adj.
- Model 9334

**DOUBLE SAVINGS! SPECIAL PRICE PLUS A GST FACTORY REBATE!**

POWERFUL CLEANING... POWERFUL DEAL!

only **\$529** (complete system)\* plus GST REBATE SAVINGS!

- Self-cleaning filter - no bags to buy!
- All accessories incl. deluxe electric powerhead and hose.
- Lifetime limited warranty.

Life Time Warranty  
One Year Money Back Guarantee

Reg. \$99.95  
**\$69<sup>95</sup>**

**EUREKA® Brush Up®**

Cordless Quick Vac with Rotating Brush

- No cord
- Quick and easy cleaning
- Selector switches from carpet to bare floor - great on floors, carpets, stairs

Reg. \$379.99  
**\$319**

**EUREKA® Commercial Heavy Duty Upright**

Powerful 6.5 Amp Commercial Motor

- 6 position carpet height adjustment
- EZ Kleen™ removeable dust cup
- no paper dust bags to buy
- Extra-long 50' power cord
- Large rear wheels for easy maneuverability
- Model EC2032

**LOWEST PRICES ANYWHERE**

Hurry! Double-Savings offer ends soon!

Showroom at Stouffville Country Market (905) 642-6965  
Toll free: 1-800-640-6468

**FREE DELIVERY**

Show Room Hours:  
Thurs./Fri. 1:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 8:00 - 5:00 Sun. 9:00 - 4:00

**VISA** **MasterCard**

**THE NO RISK BUILT-IN VACUUM**

**CANADIAN COUNTRY VACUUM WAREHOUSE INC.**

**FREE shop at home service**  
Toll free: 1-800-619-9393  
Local: (905) 986-9393

## PUBLIC AUCTION

### LIQUIDATION OF PERSIAN RUGS

COMPLETE INVENTORY DISPOSAL  
ALL ITEMS MUST BE SOLD!

- THE FINEST SELECTION OF QUALITY GENUINE HAND-KNOTTED, ONE-OF-A-KIND, PERSIAN RUGS, CARPETS & RUNNERS AVAILABLE ANYWHERE.
- BETTER THAN A SALE!
- BETTER THAN DISCOUNTS!
- BETTER THAN WHOLESALE!
- YOU DECIDE HOW MUCH YOU WILL PAY!
- A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT BEAUTIFUL RUG OF YOUR DREAMS FOR THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.
- 10% AUCTION PREMIUM ADDED TO EACH SALE

**AUCTIONEER NOTE:**  
We are instructed to dispose of all stock and inventory at auction to the highest bidder, regardless of value or price. (Auctioneer may elect to set minimum opening bid on a few selected items). Items offered consist of hundreds of fine original Persian and Oriental rugs in a wide selection of colours and styles with sizes from 2'x3' to 11'x13'. All items are of the finest natural wools, silks and blends using only natural dyes. Seller to provide Value Appraisal and certificate of Authenticity to each purchaser.

**WE ACCEPT:**  
VISA • MasterCard • American Express • Cash • Certified Chq.

Bring your room layouts, colour samples and fabric swatches for unmatched decorating choices.

**WHEN THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE!**  
WE'LL SELL EVERYTHING TO THE BARE WALLS!

Viewing 2 hrs. prior to Auction  
SAT. MARCH 4, Auction 2 p.m.  
SUN. MARCH 5, Auction 2 p.m.  
Auctions to be held at  
**AZARBAYJAN RUGS WAREHOUSE**  
3200 - 14th Ave., Unit #5, Markham  
(North of Steeles Ave., south of Hwy. #7, 1 Block East of Woodbine Ave.)

Hwy. 7	3200 14th Ave. Unit #5
14th Ave.	1st Divison east of Midland St.
John St.	East Park Dr.
Woodbine	Steeles Ave.