

Letters

MP urges moms to get involved

Dear Editor,
 M.P. Jim Silve is urging Canadian mothers who work at home raising their children, and mothers who would prefer to be at home raising their own children, to get involved in his Diaper Campaign.

Mr. Silve started this campaign after being outraged by a Parliamentary Secretary's comments that contributions made by stay-at-home parents, doesn't constitute work in the eyes of the federal Liberal government.

These comments fall on the heels of a Premier's Report in Alberta that identified what so many Canadian families have known for years - that one-earner families pay significantly more taxes than a two-earner family at the same income level. Case in point - a family with two children and two parents working in the paid labor force making a total of \$60,000 a year pays \$9,368 in tax. A family with two children and one parent working in the paid labor force and one parent working full-time at home raising the children pays \$16,148 in tax. The one-earner family at the same income level pays \$6,780 more in tax.

Is it any wonder that although 70 per cent of Canadian women (as indicated in poll after poll) want to be at home raising their children, that the tax system actually contributes to them NOT being able to make this choice?

With this information under their belts, several politicians including Jim Dinning, Alberta's Provincial Treasurer, Mississauga M.P., Paul Szabo, and Calgary-Center M.P., Jim Silve are continuing their efforts to have this situation rectified and they need your support.

Mr. Silve asks parents to send a clean diaper to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6. Be sure to enclose your name, address and signature. No postage is necessary. Mr. Chretien will get the message.

Mr. Szabo is circulating a petition which calls on the House of Commons to end this tax discrimination and to recognize that managing the family home and caring for children is a valuable, honorable profession. For copies of this petition call Mr. Szabo's office at 905-822-2111.

Phone calls or letters to your M.P., M.P.P., and Ernie Eves, Ontario's Finance Minister, in support of these efforts would also make an impact.

Cathy Farndon, Kids First
 Stouffville

School says thank you

Dear Editor,
 We would like to say a BIG THANK-YOU to The Lehmans and to Doug Clark for their donation of pumpkins, straw and corn for our Harvest display in our front hall at our school. We would also like to thank Irvin & Sharon Tait for their generous donation of a pumpkin to each of our classrooms for our "Pumpkin Carving Contest".

Orchard Park Public School
 Stouffville

Cliff's not a director

Dear Editor,
 It has been reported that I am a director of the new Junior Hockey Team.

I wish to advise all concerned that I am not a director, however, I do volunteer work for the team by arranging for timekeepers and assisting at the souvenir and admittance table. I have assisted the Minor Hockey Association in the same capacity for the past four years.

With six children having participated in the recreation programs I have been a volunteer in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and the former Village of Stouffville, serving in several capacities for the past 30 years.

I will continue to assist wherever possible when time permits.

I want to wish the Junior Hockey Team much success in the future.

Cliff Dunkeld
 Stouffville


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