CITIZEN ON ASSIGNMENT

Ken and Wilma Coates are celebrating their 60th year of marriage.

Wedding bells still ringing after 60 years

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Wilma and Dr. Ken Coates recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 2, and his 85th birthday Sept. 9, with family and friends in their home with an afternoon tea given by daughters Carolyn of Markham, and Lyndi McDonald of Greely, Ontario.

Wilma and Ken were delighted to have their two grandchildren home for this special occasion: Ryan Brett McInnes, who has been living in British Columbia for three years since his graduation from York University's environmental studies honours program, and Aaryn Lee McInnes who has been traveling and modeling in Germany, France and Italy since her graduation from the recreation and leisure studies at Brock University in St. Catharines.

Residents of Thornhill for 30 years, Wilma and Ken were happy to have about 50 guests with them to share their memorable event.

Relatives from out of town included Jack Coates of Abbotsford, B.C., Grace Coates and Karen Barteaux of Brandon, Manitoba, Phyllis and John Morrison of Hartney, Manitoba, Lyndi and George McDonald and Sylvia McDonald of Greely, Ontario.

Jim and Jean Galloway of Burlington were present and Jim toasted the couple and their family with a lovely speech. They have been good friends since Camp Borden years in the 1950s when they served together in the R.C.A.M.C. and Ken was chief commanding officer of the medical school in Camp Borden.

Wilma and Ken also received congratulations from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Governor General Romeo Le Blanc.

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BLUE-BAG-IT A SUCCESS!

Here's how your clothing helps to build new lives.

We're all familiar with blue bags. They're for recycling newspaper. But this blue bag is different. It's for clothing, linens and shoes. And the money that is raised through the sale of those items will help beat addiction, hunger and abuse.

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On July 31, The Salvation Army kicked off its BLUE-BAG-IT Campaign, delivering over one million blue plastic bags to households throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Recipients were asked to fill the bags with clothing, linens and shoes that can be sold in The Salvation Army Smart Shopper Thrift Stores. The bags could be dropped off at any of the participating malls in the city until the final day of the campaign on August 28. After that date the following mall locations have generously agreed to keep a Clothing Bank to make it easy for you to continue donating to The Salvation Army.

Sherway Gardens, Fairview Mall, Woodbine Centre, Hillcrest Mall, Erin Mills Town Centre, Don Mills Centre, Oshawa Centre.

While individual malls have helped The Salvation Army with its BLUE-BAG-IT campaign in the past, this is the first time that so many malls, ten in total in the Greater Toronto Area alone, have participated together in a campaign. The blue bags can also be returned to any Salvation Army Thrift Store or clothing bank across the city. For more information on drop off locations call: 1-877-BLU-GIVE.

Did you know...

- That The Salvation Army is the largest, independent, non-profit agency of social services in Canada.
- That in the Greater Toronto Area, The Salvation Army operated approximately 200 of its own community-based social services, meeting a variety of social needs.
- The Salvation Army meets the needs of the community 365 days a year.

That in the past year in Toronto....

- Over 32,000 beds, and 97,000 meals were provided at the Emergency Shelter.
- And in excess of 21,000 contacts were made with street youth, and 18,000 meals provided by the Mobile Van team.
- Over 52,000 days of care were given to hundreds of people in all phases of Community Mental Health Services!
- Over 305,000 meals were served through the Community Feeding Program.
- 3,500 children attended camp at Jackson's Point Divisional Camp, Camp Wabana, and Camp Rainbow.
- Nearly 1,000 women from 16-60 years of age were given shelter at the Evangeline Residence.

Together we can write more success stories like these.

1-877-BLU-GIVE

Over 600 tons of clothing collected!

PARTICIPATING MALLS

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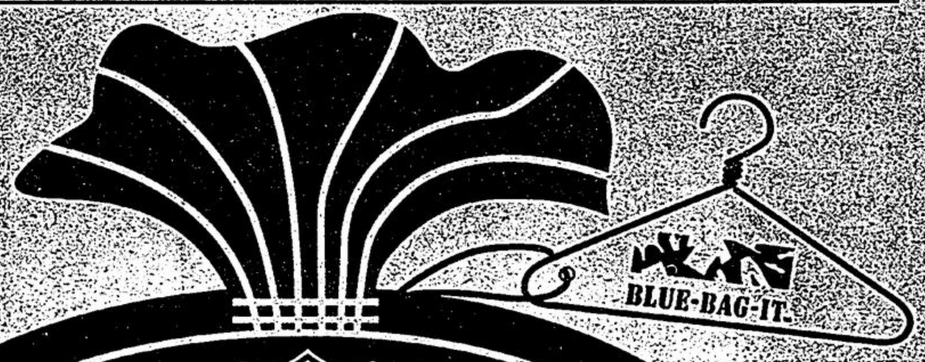
- Square One Shopping Centre
- Erin Mills Town Centre
- Don Mills Centre
- Fairview Mall
- Woodbine Centre
- Hillcrest Mall
- Oshawa Centre



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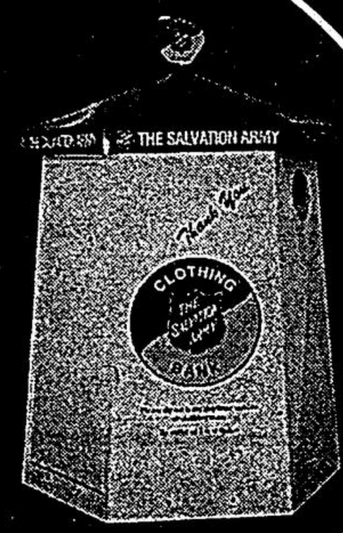

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