

School board helps African AIDS victims

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The adage "charity begins at home" is being re-written by staff and students of the York Region District School Board to suggest benevolence should know no borders.

Every year the board holds a major fundraiser in support of one or more local charities, said Janet Lewis, the board's superintendent of education, Thornhill and Vaughan. This school year,

the beneficiaries of an ambitious fundraiser will be the countless thousands of HIV/AIDS victims in Africa.

"We have made our decision to direct our charitable fundraiser to the Stephen Lewis Foundation," she said. "The mandate of the foundation is to provide the necessary resources and hope to those in dire need. The task is monumental."

All funds raised will be directed to the York Region Committee in support of the

Stephen Lewis Foundation, which, in turn, has earmarked contributions to assist the Coulands Orphanage, near Johannesburg, South Africa, Ms Lewis said. Funds will provide the burgeoning orphanage with nourishing food, school uniforms, books, medicine, health supplies and hope.

"We believe that charity begins at home and we are proud of our tradition of supporting worthy causes," Ms Lewis said. "We also believe

that charity does not end at home and are responding to a call for action to offer relief from a catastrophe that is just a heartbeat away for our comfortable existence in York Region."

HIV/AIDS facts in Africa are staggering, Ms Lewis said. Each day, 6,500 people die from AIDS. Some 30 million people are infected with the disease annually and 75,000 babies are born HIV positive each year, while 14 million children are orphaned and it

is estimated that number will grow to 25 million in five years.

"To grasp the significance in York Region, just think, within a week, entire populations of towns such as Aurora, Georgina, East Gwillimbury, King or Whitchurch-Stouffville would not exist," she said.

The commitment to the fundraiser is evident in teachers such as Mark Caswell, a music teacher at Markham District High School. Mr. Caswell, a veteran 15-year educator, is also co-ordinator of the school's leadership enrichment and development program, known as LEAD.

Oct. 6, 13 and 14, Mr. Caswell will moderate two separate leadership forums for board staff and students. The first invites local elementary school students.

The second two-day forum hosts 10 students and one teacher from the board's 27 secondary schools. The

purpose of the gatherings is to learn about the pandemic in Africa from speakers representing diverse organizations including the Canadian International Development Agency, the Hopes and Dreams Team, the United Nations and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Students also participate in workshops, learning how to make a difference in the political arena and how to manage the challenge of charitable fundraisers.

"We anticipate a 100-per cent turn out," Mr. Caswell said. "Ours are a family of schools and we encourage a connected approach."

While a dollar target has yet to be determined, Mr. Caswell said the LEAD program has devoted support to varied groups in the past, raising more than \$200,000 for organizations including the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation and Children's Wish Foundation.

The Regional Municipality of York

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #3

Transportation Improvements in the Markham Bypass Corridor South of Highway 407

The Regional Municipality of York (Region) is carrying out the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Transportation Improvements in the Markham Bypass Corridor South of Highway 407. On July 13, 2004, the Minister of the Environment approved the EA Terms of Reference with amendments regarding consultation with affected Aboriginal Organizations and First Nations. The Region is now proceeding with the preparation of the EA in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference.

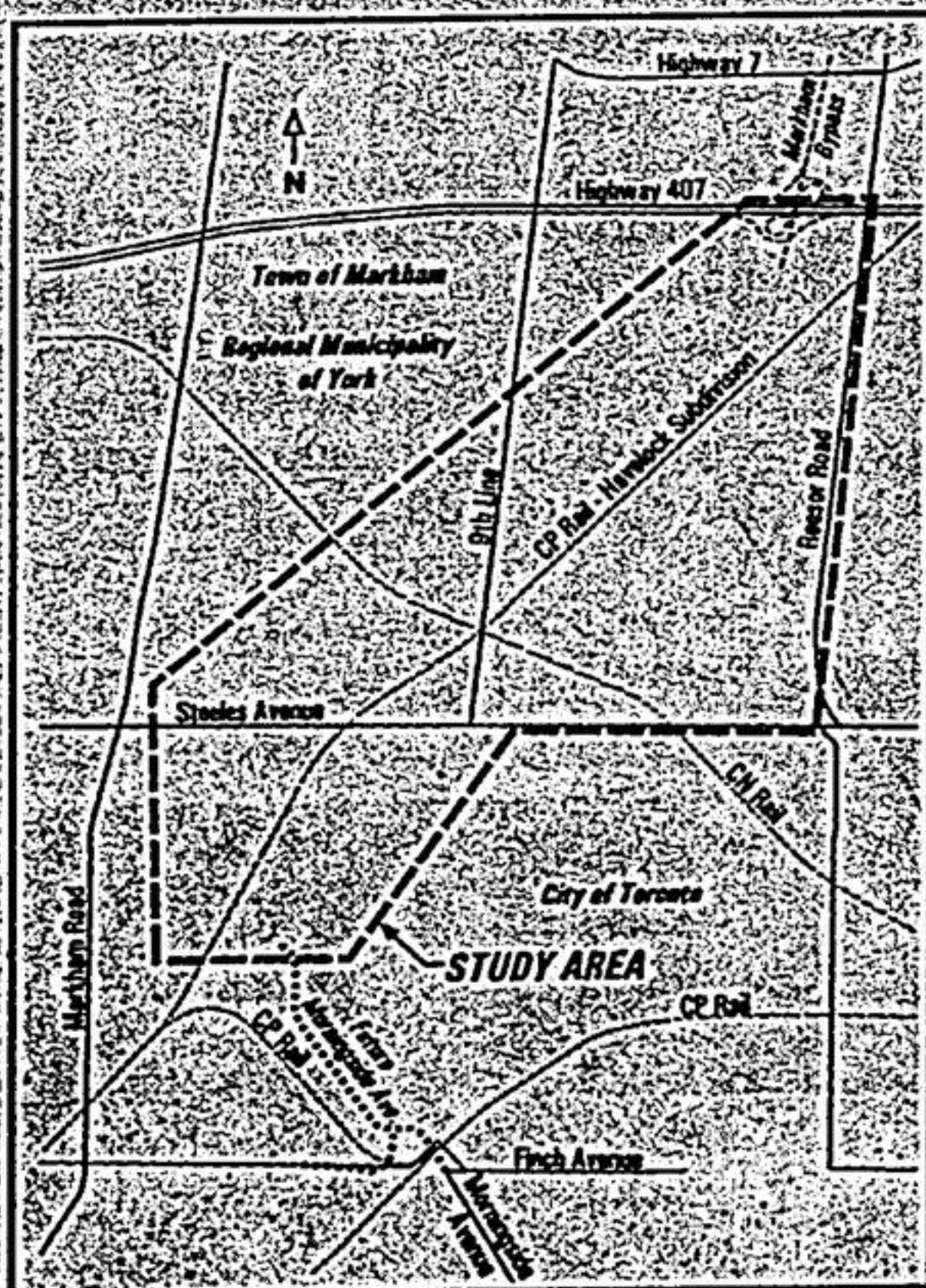
The first two rounds of Public Consultation Centres (December 2002 and June 2003) were held as part of the development of the EA Terms of Reference. The purpose of this third round of Public Consultation Centres will be to present the Alternatives to the Undertaking, the need and justification, the preliminary development of alternatives and the next steps in the study. The study area is shown on the key plan below. The Public Consultation Centres are scheduled for:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRES

- DATE:** Wednesday, October 13, 2004
TIME: Open House 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Presentation 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Box Grove Community Centre
 7651 9th Line
 Markham, Ontario
- DATE:** Thursday, October 14, 2004
TIME: Open House 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Presentation 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room 3 and 4
 Scarborough Civic Centre
 140 Borough Drive, Toronto, Ontario
 (Parking available at 5:00 p.m. in the Staff parking lot accessed by Town Centre Court)

This study is being carried out as an Individual Environmental Assessment.

For further information on this project, or if you wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:



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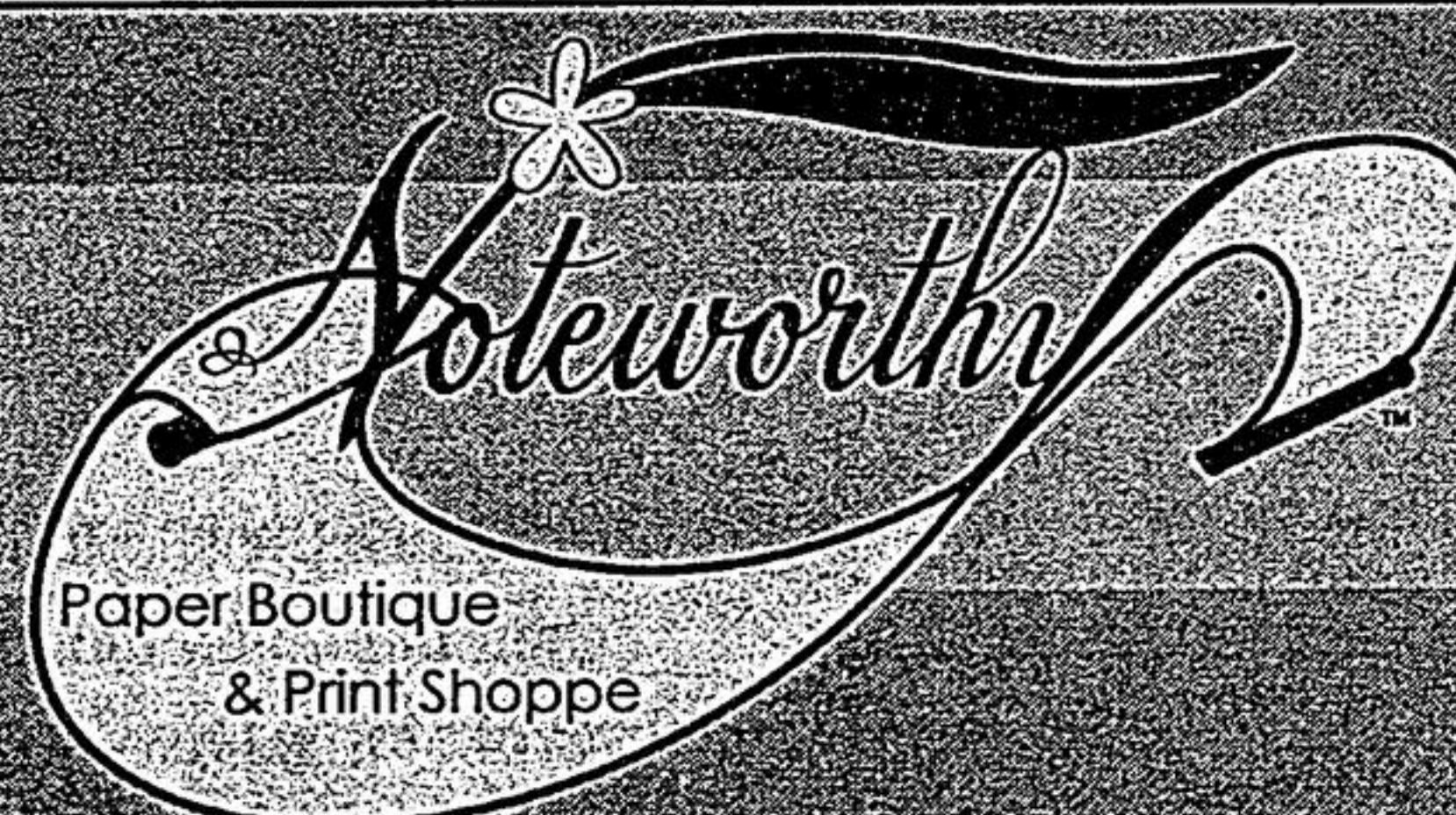
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WE'RE ON TV

Watch Noteworthy showing off our how-to invitations & new scrapbooking line on Breakfast Television Thursday October 7th.

PIE CONTEST Our 2nd annual Pumpkin Pie Contest will be on Thanksgiving Monday, October 11th at noon. Enter your pie at the store before Sunday, October 10th. Entries are judged by Alan Bell. All pies will be sold for \$2.00/slice and proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Foundation. Winner receives a \$50.00 Noteworthy Gift Certificate.

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