

# Campaign to help land mine victims rehabilitate

A campaign to help landmine survivors began Friday.

The Gift of a Changed Life campaign continues until the end of the year. The idea is for people to donate money in the name of a friend to help landmine survivors in their rehabilitation.

The campaign was introduced by Scott Fairweather, president and CEO of the Canadian Landmine Foundation, during the Night of a Thousand Dinners event sponsored by the Stouffville Rotary Club late in November. The foundation has received support from individuals, Royal Canadian Legions and United and Anglican churches.

The person in whose name a

gift is given receives a card letting them know because of the gift "someone will walk in 2005", Mr. Fairweather said.

For a \$50 donation, a prosthetic limb can be bought; \$100 allows a person to be trained to walk again.

More than 300,000 people around the world have survived landmine accidents. In many countries where mines have been laid, financial resources and access to health care are often lacking for survivors.

The Canadian Landmine Foundation is a managing partner in the global adopt-a-minefield campaign.

The entire amount of all dona-

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tions raised during this campaign will be directed toward survivor assistance projects.

The recipient of a gift of a changed life valued at \$20 or more will receive an adopt-a-minefield gift card featuring a painting by Paul McCartney, who, with wife Heather Mills, serves as adopt-a-minefield's goodwill ambassador. Those donating \$50 or more will also receive a copy of Ms Mills' video 'A Quiet Earth'.

Cheques can be sent to Adopt-a-Minefield, c/o The Canadian

Landmine Foundation, 1623 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M4T 2A1 or log on to [www.canadianlandmine.org](http://www.canadianlandmine.org).

## Bridon Motors donates to hospital

In an annual tradition, Brian Uens of Bridon Motors on Stouffville's Main Street, has donated more than \$5,500 to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

That total will probably rise to close to \$6,000 by the end of the year.

The donations have come from residents who rent the Bridon Motors sign near the west end of town to pass on birthday

greetings and congratulations and to welcome visitors or residents back to town.

One visitor who was being driven to the home of a Stouffville relative was so shocked at seeing his name in large letters on the sign, he made the driver pull over to take a look.

He then went home and returned with a camera and took a photo.

Over the past 10 years, the Bridon sign has raised \$41,400 for the hospital.

Originally, Mr. Uens was going to rent the sign for donations for just a short period time, but the idea has maintained its popularity over the past decade.

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