

# African orphans choir performs at local churches

The renowned Watoto Children's Choir from Africa is coming to Whitchurch-Stouffville for two appearances.

The 18-member choir, made up of orphaned children, performs Feb. 18 at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church at 7 p.m. and at Heise Hill Brethren In Christ Church March 12 at 6:30 p.m. The performance at the Woodbine Avenue church includes the Whitchurch Highlands Public School primary choir.

The choir has performed across Canada, the United States, England, Scotland, Norway, Finland, Australia and Rwanda.

Watoto choirs have toured internationally since 1994 to raise funds and support for Watoto Child Care Ministries in Kampala, Uganda.

The Watoto ministry was created by missionaries in 1992 care for children left orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, civil strife and other catastrophic events.

The ministry is improving the lives of nearly 1,200 children and it has a goal of building homes and schools to care for 10,000 orphans.

In total, 15 choirs have performed internationally, allowing about 254 children the opportunity to develop academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually to become leaders.

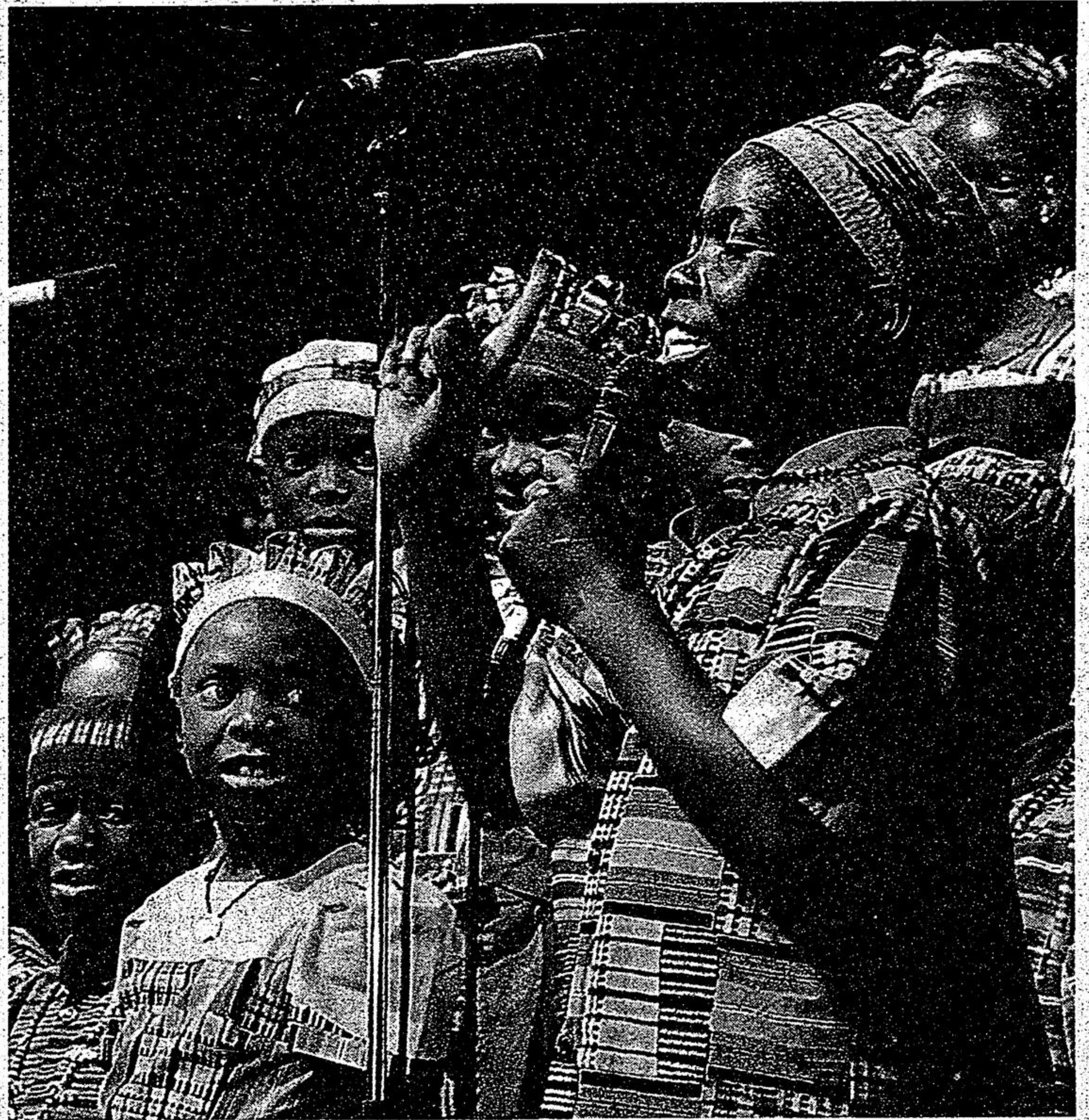
"The concerts are breathtaking," said Pastor Gary Skinner, director and founder of the Watoto ministries. "The African drums resound and one-by-one, the children dance down the aisles in their brilliant Ugandan costumes."

The objective is to equip these "precious children" with physical needs, moral values and life skills, he said.

No admission is required. There will, however, be a free-will offering at each performance.

EastRidge church is at 12485 10th Line. Heise Hill is at 11760 Woodbine Ave., one kilometre south of Stouffville Road.

—Joan Ransberry



Watoto children's choir will perform Feb. 18 at EastRidge church in Stouffville and March 12 at Heise Hill church in Gormley. Watoto ministries cares for orphans of AIDS and war in Uganda.

*Tim Hortons*

GOALS	0
ASSISTS	0
NEW FRIENDS	5

Timbits Hockey isn't about winning or keeping score. It's about learning the basics, making new friends, and most importantly, having fun. Every year over 50,000 entry-level players across the country discover just how great the game can be. That's why your local Tim Hortons is proud to sponsor Timbits Minor Hockey in the Markham community.



The first goal is having fun.

**JAKES**  
*on Main*  
**PUB & GRILLE**

**SUPERBOWL BASH**  
Sunday February 6th

**NOW OPEN**  
Newly Renovated

**AND**

**10th Anniversary Party!**  
Bud Girls / Prizes / Free Halftime Buffet!

**\$6.99 LUNCH SPECIALS**  
~ OVER 30 ITEMS ~

**905-470-6955**      202 Main St. Unionville  
www.toronto.com/jakes

**SHARE a little MAGIC**

A little time can make a **HUGE** difference in a child's life!

With several volunteer programs to choose from, one is sure to suit your schedule.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of York**

**905-727-1251**  
www.bbsy.ca

This message brought to you as a community service of The Economist/Sun-Tribune

**\* 2 - 8 ft. Screens for viewing \***

**WILD WING**

"Now Open 7 Days a Week at Noon"  
**905-944-WING (9464)**  
**20 Fred Varley Dr., Unionville**  
(Just off Main St. Unionville in the Meat Shoppe Plaza)

**Wing & Pitcher Specials**  
"Come early for good seats!"

**PRIZES ALL DAY LONG!**

Every Super Bowl Party should have great wings! (12 Flavours)

Call Ahead for Take-Out

