

Quake fundraising, counselling in full swing

While fundraising continues across the region, counselling is being made available for families touched by the earthquake in South Asia.

Social Services Network, the region's lead South Asian agency, will counsel and support people affected by recent events in South Asia.

Last Saturday's earthquake claimed more than 30,000 lives, injured 60,000 and left nearly four million homeless in north Pakistan

and parts of India.

While they mobilize help for victims, York Region residents of Pakistani and Indian origin have spent the past six days trying to find out the status of relatives and friends.

For some, the news is very sad. As well as referring critical-incident cases to appropriate agencies, Social Services Network program director Tazim Bhanji said the network can offer emotional support in several languages, including Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu.

The network, a United Way agency, is also helping newcomers settle.

Families wanting to sponsor victims of the quake can get information through the network, Ms Bhanji said.

For more information, call 905-471-7921.

Members of The Voices of Vedas (Vishnu Temple), a Hindu temple at 8640 Yonge St., near Hwy. 7 in Richmond Hill, are opening their hearts to those affected by the quake.

On Sunday at 11:30 a.m. during a memorial service at the temple, \$10,000 is being donated to a group helping Pakistan's earthquake victims.

For more information on the service, call 905-548-0219 or 416-825-5170.

Markham Councillor Khalid Usman and Purvaiz Yusuf of the Oxford Learning Centre are helping International Development and Relief Fund organize a major fundraising dinner Sunday at 4 p.m.

at the Woodbine Banquet and Conference Centre, 30 Vice Regent Blvd. in Rexdale.

Tickets are \$100 and tax receipts will be issued.

For those not attending the dinner, donations can still be made. Cheques, made out to IDRF-Pakistan Earthquake Relief Fund, can be mailed to Oxford Learning Centre, 4261 Hwy. 7 East, Unionville, L3R 9W6.

For more information, call 905-513-8186 or 416-823-8581.

The Corner House is just your taste



Lobsterfest is the perfect time to discover this delightful dining experience.

A great restaurant should comprise a number of things: Superior food, naturally, complemented by friendly service, pleasant surroundings, and a sense of calm that makes it all — pardon the pun — a joy to digest. This confluence of qualities is rare, but you'll find them all here in Stouffville, in a very special restaurant called The Corner House.

The Corner House is simply a wonderful place to be. Chef *Les Broadbent* and Manager *Jennifer*

Brown have created a unique dining experience, underpinned, of course, by sumptuous food. The atmosphere is a pleasure to sink into, sunny and welcoming, with a pleasing air of sophistication. Like any good restaurant, the menu is a constantly evolving feast of freshness and variety. The wine list is splendid, the dessert selections just what they should be — outrageously creative and decadent.

And wait 'til you taste the Lobster...

Get your claws on Lobsterfest

19 years ago, The Corner House began flying in fresh Atlantic Lobster one week each month during the summer. Lobsterfest was born, and was an instant hit. Today it's still the restaurant's signature event, now expanded to one week each month between March and October. As Chef Broadbent says, "Lobsterfest is a monthly celebration that's a lot of fun for our customers and our staff. But don't forget, next week is the last one of the year." Needless to say, it pays to reserve days in advance during Lobsterfest. It's that popular, and that good.

What's the occasion?

The Corner House is also a place to party. The two back rooms are now available for office parties, receptions, or other "meet and mingle" occasions. The staff will tailor an event to your budget, from wine and cheese to a full buffet. They also offer at-home catering services, with personalized menus, desserts and wines to complement the meal.

For dinner, catering or event reservations, call 905-640-8494 (www.thecornerhouse.ca).

No matter what brings you to The Corner House, you'll leave feeling you've made a discovery, and a few new friends.

Are You Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired?

If you suffer from chronic fatigue, persistent neck or back pain, weight gain, headaches or digestive problems, you may be suffering from adrenal burnout. To find out the latest research on this topic, attending this free symposium may be the most important thing you do this year. You will discover the true causes of these conditions and natural solutions you can use right away. Many are feeling healthy again for the first time in years. Dr. Allen Turner is an international speaker and lecturer who has been featured on the Dini Petty Show, National News and Canada AM. He will present a free symposium on Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 pm at the Stouffville Health Centre.

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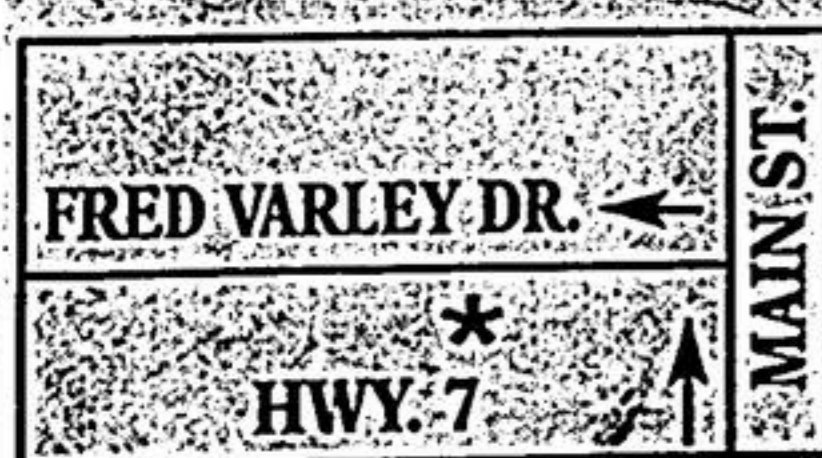
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