

# Character leads to scholarship at McDonald's

Emily Mihok, who has attended Markham District High School and Stouffville District Secondary School, receives a \$500 scholarship from McDonald's Restaurants this week.

The 19-year-old Markham resident will use the scholarship to help pay tuition costs for studies in social work at McMaster University this fall.

Her job at McDonald's has given her a learning opportunity and support from other staff members, she said.

There, she was able to hone people skills she believes are an important part of any job.

Ms Mihok was chosen for the scholarship from among the employees at the McDonald's in Stouffville and the Markham location at Hwy. 48 and 16th Avenue, both of which are owned by Howard and Pamela Cooper.

The McDonald's Employee Scholarship Program rewards employees' contributions to school, work and community. Ms Mihok has volunteered at Markham Stouffville Hospital and helped with charity fundraisers and preparations for the 50th reunion at Markham District High School.

The award reflects the way Ms Mihok deals with people, her maturity and natural leadership skills, Mr. Cooper said.

He has owned the McDonald's in Stouffville for 18 months.

The McDonald's Restaurant in Stouffville has been awarding employee scholarships for more than five years.

## Bishop Tutu endorses 100,000 Miracles

Archbishop Desmond Tutu is endorsing Christian Blind Mission International's world-wide "100,000 Miracles" campaign.

Headquartered in Whitchurch-Stouffville, the organization aims to provide 100,000 sight-restoring cataract operations in 100 days during the campaign.

Lindsay O'Connor, CBMI's national public relations manager, has been chosen to host the media conference for Archbishop

Tutu in Cape Town, South Africa, said Dave McComiskey, the organization's executive director.

"Poverty is difficult to survive," Archbishop Tutu said in a media release, "but poverty with disability is almost impossible to survive."

He was the keynote speaker at the international launch of the global campaign Tuesday at the Grootte Schuur Hospital in Cape Town.

CBMI provides services to more than 12 million people in more than 1,000 projects in about 100 of the world's poorest countries, regardless of nationality, gender or religion.

Globally, an estimated 600 million people are living with a disability. Of these, 80 per cent live in low-income countries with little or no health care.

"We will not meet The Millennium Development Goals if government leaders don't deal with disability issues amongst the poorest of the poor," Mr. McComiskey said.

Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger by 2015 is among the those goals.

## A "Mad" night in Stouffville

Wear your pajamas to a concert, jump on a bouncing castle, sing a little karaoke and find those once-a-year bargains in downtown Stouffville Aug. 17.

Shoppers will have a chance to find bargains during the annual Midnight Madness street-wide sidewalk sale featuring special offers and sale prices from 7 to 10 p.m.

If you wear pajamas to Midnight Madness, you'll receive a free ice cream cone at Pat Montgomery's Candlelight and Memories gift shop.

A bouncing castle and other activities for children will be in Civic Square behind the Clock Tower and karaoke singers can strut their stuff under the gazebo on Main Street.

Rob Reid of Reid's Antiques and Consignments will be in front of his store providing slushie cones.

Ruth LeBlanc, manager of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, will be

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on the look-out for residents wearing pajamas so she can present them with a gift.

Local musicians, including Bob Vopni, Bonnie Morgan and performers from the We Rock School of Music, are performing in front of the old town hall at 7 p.m.

The concert was organized by Don Quarles of Melodyman Productions, Nicole Ongman of Leisure Services and the Stouffville Business Improvement Area.

The Latcham Gallery launches a new exhibition by Adam Lodzinski called

Photographic Abstractions.

The Toronto-based artist uses a view camera to take pictures of paper forms yielding images both soft, swirling and ethereal or hard edge.

A graduate of the University of Western Ontario, Mr. Lodzinski studied painting and photography.

He wants to explore abstraction in ways not already addressed by painting.

The opening reception in the gallery, at 6240 Main St., is from 7 to 9 p.m. The artist will be present.

Meanwhile, the community information and registration fair is in Latcham Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

It's a convenient way for anyone looking for music and dance lessons, information on Leisure Services, special needs, and many other local lessons, groups and service clubs and gives residents a chance to register that night.

Tables are still available. Call Barb Scaife at 905-640-1910, ext. 292.

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