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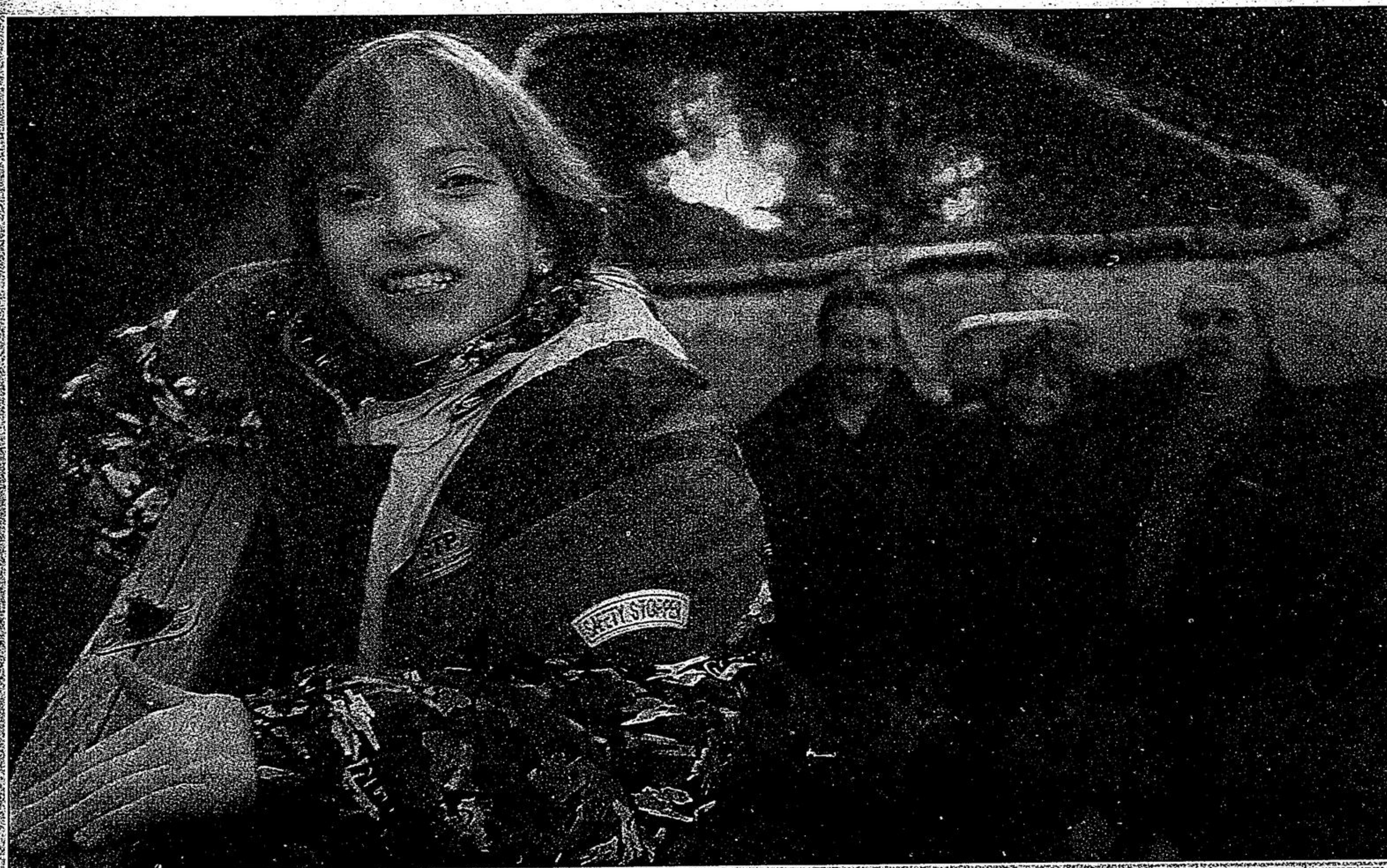
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## AUTISTIC GIRL'S POOL ANGELS



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Nellie Bounds, 10, of Gormley is all happy with her refurbished pool while parents Bill and Debbie with Brian Corrigan of Aquaman Pool Service (right) in Stouffville, look on. Area pool companies and suppliers came to the aid of the autistic girl's family to work on the pool.

## The one place she feels comfortable

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
Staff Writer

A 10-year-old autistic girl who was in danger of losing the use of her back yard pool, the one place she feels comfortable, safe and free from her disabilities, found her knight in shining armour.

Stouffville resident Brian Corrigan, owner of Aquaman Pool Service Ltd., was moved by Nellie Bounds' plight, spelled out in a letter to pool companies written by her mother.

He enlisted the support of colleagues from a dozen swimming pool and related companies to restore the pool. They came

from Stouffville, throughout York Region and as far afield as Oakville, Pickering and Ajax.

Work began in early August. By the time it was all done, major repairs had been completed on the pool, it had been painted and had an automatic pool cleaner, solar blanket and winter cover installed. Truckloads of water were also donated.

Although the work couldn't be completed until the fall, Nellie and her dad, Bill Bounds, braved 61 F. temperatures a couple of times to enjoy the pool.

Nellie was so excited when she saw the pool, she pushed her dad into the water. Mr.

Corrigan said, adding, "Her pool is something she absolutely adores."

Nellie swims quite well, her mom, Debbie Bounds, said. The youngster will learn how to dive next.

The family couldn't afford redoing the pool because of the extremely high costs of respite, camping and an educational assistant, Mrs. Bounds said.

Nellie, who lives in Gormley, has to cope with autism as well as attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity and bipolar disorder.

People with autism have difficulty com-

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MORE VISIBLE LOCATION SOUGHT IN STOUFFVILLE

## Christian school moving in fall

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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Stouffville Christian School administrators are hoping the doors of their little country school will be locked for good in September.

That's when they expect to open the doors to larger, modern quarters in Stouffville.

While the exact location hasn't been finalized, talks are ongoing with several local churches regarding possible sites.

A decision on the new location is expected in January, principal Jake Friend said.

The search for a new site has been under way for a couple of years.

However, this isn't the first time the non-denominational school, which offers an enriched program of Christ-centered learning, has wanted to move.

A year or two after opening in 1981, with 44 elementary school students, one of the school's founders, Bob Stover, already proposed the school should move. In the late 1980s or early 1990s, a couple of attempts were made. The school acquired land near the current Eastern Gate site and was hoping to move there, but the land had to be sold to take care of debts. A second try was for a location north of the Stouffville Country Market, but that

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