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MADD still needed, York president says

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Joey Fockler's family is still coming to grips with his death in a collision involving alcohol Nov. 4.

The Newmarket man's nephew, Eric Brown, 11, of Stouffville is channelling his feelings into raising money for MADD Canada by selling key-chains.

He plans to present the money to MADD at a volunteer meeting next month his mom, Sherry Cavanagh, says.

He will continue his work regardless of a report in the Toronto Star that says only 19 cents of every dollar raised by MADD goes to victim services.

The Star's probe also revealed MADD Canada has been counting the use of telemarketers and fundraisers as charity, saying the fundraisers also educate the public.

Regardless of what may or may not be true at the national level, MADD is a much needed organization, MADD Canada York Region chapter president Margaret Williams said in a letter to The Sun-Tribune.

The fact remains, today four people will be killed in an alcohol-related collision. Still another 190 to 200 will be injured. It is simply shameful to think of how many innocent and kindhearted

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Christmas in Holland

Sara Veltman (left) and Madeleine Rose portray little Dutch girls in the international Christmas spectacular presented by Whitchurch-Stouffville's Willowgrove School at Wideman Mennonite Church on Hwy. 48 this week. For an additional photo, see page 2.

COUNCILLOR, MP PEEVED WITH 18-MONTH WINDOW

Rural mail delivery delay slammed

BY JIM MASON
 Staff Writer

Residents of rural York Region whose mail delivery was cut off will get it back, but not quickly enough for the MP who led the fight to reinstate the service.

The federal government has directed Canada Post to restore and maintain mail delivery to rural roadside mailboxes within the next 18 months, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Lawrence Cannon said Wednesday.

"This is what we have been fighting for all along," Oak Ridges-Markham MP Lui Temelkovski said. "It will almost be one year since the first rural routes were closed in my riding, the first in Canada. I am sorry it has taken the government this long to act. Something should have been done sooner."

"It has not been an easy year for the elderly, the disabled and those who do not drive and now we find out they need to wait up to another 18 months. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but it is a long tunnel."

Mail delivery to homes in rural areas has been cut off or threatened due to safety concerns by mail carriers. Residents whose service was cut get their mail from community boxes in their neighbourhoods.

"I expect Canada Post will do its utmost to restore and maintain mail delivery to rural roadside mailboxes while taking into consideration the health and safety of their employees"

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