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cbm's David McAllister helps a man in Kenya. About 500,000 are homeless after election protests.

# Kenyan crisis gets Stouffville aid

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The crisis in Kenya is getting attention from Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Stouffville Road-based cbm Canada, formerly Christian Blind Mission International, through its staff and regional office in Nairobi, is providing emergency assistance to the African nation's political humanitarian crisis.

At least 600 people have died and around 500,000 people are homeless due to riots, ethnic killings and widespread violence following a disputed Dec. 27 presidential election.

"There is an urgent need of

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food, shelter and health services and cbm will provide immediate financial assistance through our partners to help people in the region," executive director Dave McComiskey said.

"Experience tells us the longer the crisis continues, the greater the long-term consequences to

people's livelihood.

"People with disabilities are often those who suffer the most as they are unable to flee from danger or find food when it is in short supply. They suffer greatly from the longer-term economic repercussions of civil unrest."

Following the emergency response, the mission plans to provide long-term support to assist people who are blind, deaf or physically impaired and their families, who are at risk of hunger and illness.

The mission, which supports more than 34 partner projects in Kenya, has been working there for more than 30 years.

# FLYERS

Inserts for  
Sat. Jan. 19, 2008

- Double Double\*
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## FREE EVENTS! LEARN ABOUT NATURE!

Event Topic	Location	Date	Time
Managing Rural Properties	Goodwood *	Jan. 31st	6:30 - 9 pm
Marketing Rural Properties on the Moraine **	Goodwood	Feb. 5th	9 am - noon
Nature-based Income Options for Rural lands	Location, date and time TBC		
Pond Management	TBC	March 29th	9 am - 2 pm

\* Goodwood Community Centre ; \*\* cost for event and pre-registration is required; TBC = to be confirmed.

### Caring for the Moraine

The events above are brought to you by the partners of the Caring for the Moraine project. The project offers a variety of services to Oak Ridges Moraine landowners in addition to the workshops. They include:

- **Free property visits** to Moraine properties larger than 2 acres;
- Access to **financial and technical assistance** to do environmental projects on your property; and
- **Resource material** on the Moraine and other natural resource management themes.

For more information or to get involved in the Caring project, please contact Kate at 905 579 0411 ext.106, [kpotter@cloca.com](mailto:kpotter@cloca.com) or visit

[www.moraineforlife.org](http://www.moraineforlife.org)



## Hard Rock on Ice at carnival

The cold and snow is good news for organizers of the fifth annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Carnival.

The event goes Saturday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Cedar Beach Park on Musselman's Lake.

Activities include hay rides, skating, ATV rides and games.

Music will be provided by Hard Rock on Ice, the Whitchurch Highlands Public School primary choir and Most Excellent Productions.

Proceeds go to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

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## MARKHAM HONDA GIVES \$5000 TO LOCAL RESIDENT

Markham Honda ran a December Sales promotion where consumers who purchased or leased any New or Used Honda could enter to win \$5000.

They also held an additional Boxing Week promotion where customers had a chance to win a Honda snowblower.

"We were very happy that the grand prize winner of the \$5000 resides in Markham. It is nice to have a successful promotion and for someone in our community to win," said Omar Khan, General Manager at Markham Honda.



\$5000 Winner  
Mr. George Makdessi - Markham



Snowblower Winner  
Ms. Susanna Lam - Scarborough

"Because of the overwhelming success of the promotion we are carrying it over into January as well. It helps when Honda is still currently offering our best deals ever."

So stop by Markham Honda this month and find out how you could be the next winner.

## service update

\* EFFECTIVE JANUARY 27, 2008

Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>, Viva purple service will be extended to Markham Stouffville Hospital, connecting with Route 9 - 9<sup>th</sup> Line. The new vivastation will be located on Church Street in front of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE ALSO BEING REVISED IN THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE:

- > Route 9 - 9<sup>th</sup> Line
- > Route 15 - Stouffville Local
- > Route 215 - Stouffville GO Shuttle
- > Route 415 - Stouffville High School

You can travel on any YRT or Viva vehicle in any direction for a two-hour period. Just remember to hang onto your tickets or transfers so you can hop on and off vehicles.

For more information, please visit our website at [yrt.ca](http://yrt.ca) or call YRT/Viva at 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978).

