

**Golfer honour Dino's memory with tourney at The Maples**

An annual charity memorial golf tournament established for Dino Raponi, a Stouffville man killed in a vehicle crash, is taking place today at The Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club.

Mr. Raponi died in 2006 at the age of 29. He was on the way home from a get-together for a friend in Brooklin when his truck hit a hydro pole in south Uxbridge.

A graduate of York University, he grew up in Unionville and attended Brother Andre Catholic High School.

Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to The Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada, Covenant House Toronto and The World Wildlife Fund.



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Junior kindergarten student Alexander Disepolo of Stouffville was happy with his work during the Willowgrove Primary School community planting of more than 300 trees this month. Students, teachers, family members and friends gathered to help create a nature corridor connecting Willowgrove Creek and ponds to the 25-acre forest on Willowgrove land on McCowan Road south of Stouffville Road.

**300 new trees to help animals**

Animals in the Willowgrove community could be a happier bunch, now that staff and students at Willowgrove Primary School planted more than 300 trees in the area.

The planting, done with family and friends, creates a nature corridor connecting Willowgrove Creek and ponds to a 25-acre forest on McCowan Road south of Stouffville Road.

With the help of Ballantrae Public School and the

Community Resource Centre of Scarborough, Willowgrove has added four acres of habitat to the Rouge watershed.

This new corridor allows animals privacy and comfort away from human activities so they can travel between wetland and woodland habitats.

The long-term goal is to help animals travel north from Rouge Park to the Oak Ridges Moraine.

— Yentl Lieuw

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