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**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 19 - 25**

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Bob and Mary Ann James (at left) show their solar and wind power operation to local MPP Helena Jaczek and Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman on a windy and sunless afternoon Monday.

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## Has Adoption Touched Your Life?

On June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened.

visit [www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo](http://www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo)

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER that if you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, your information and privacy rights are changing.**

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit [www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo](http://www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo) or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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## Documentary turned lake family green

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### Clean, learn, exercise during Earth Day

"Awareness is the first thing," Ms Jaczek said. "And understanding you can do it and then do it."

"It's a really good example of how we can use renewable energy to lessen our energy demands," Mr. Smitherman said. "We want to come and applaud the people who take the initiative."

In late 2006, after watching a documentary on wind turbines, the James family decided they wanted to put one up on their property.

Although they were already a turn-your-lights-off-when-you-leave-the-room kind of family, they wanted to take that extra step in energy conservation.

They also have a solar section to their operation. "As a generation, I think we screwed things up," Mr. James said.

After some research, the family found a wind turbine suitable for their needs and their property, which is 65 acres.

During their research, Mr. James also discovered no permits were required by the province or municipality in order to install the turbine. So off he went.

Within seven months, the wind turbine, which has three six-foot blades, was spinning and provid-

ing their home with electricity. The turbine now supplies about one-third of the James' electricity needs, which equates to between \$900 and \$1,000 worth of power a year.

Whitchurch-Stouffville, you can celebrate Earth Day and help clean your town Saturday. Once again, the Stouffville Reservoir will be the primary clean-up site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also at the reservoir, on Millard Street east of Ninth Line, this year will be a 'green' display area for people to get information on active transportation and other ways residents can be environmentally-friendly. Participants will also be able to build a birdhouse.

People looking for a new outdoor activity will be able to try urban polling, which is fitness walking with poles.

The project cost just over \$30,000 after the provincial rebates, so it will take about 30 years for the turbine to pay itself off.