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Cyclist struck, killed near Claremont

Stouffville woman, 21

A 21-year-old Stouffville woman died Thursday after being struck by a pickup truck while cycling north of Claremont.

The accident took place at about 3:40 p.m. on Brock Road, just south of Albright Road, about 20 kilometres east of Stouffville.

Both the truck and bicycle were northbound on Brock, when, according to witnesses, the driver of the truck drifted outside its marked lane when the woman was hit.

The cyclist received life-threatening injuries and was transported to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The driver of the Chevrolet pickup, a 59-year-old Beaverton resident, was uninjured.

Witness Elmer Jones said the truck left skid marks across the road for about 500 feet and believed the cyclist was thrown more than 200 feet.

Road and weather conditions were favourable at the time of the collision, according to Durham Regional Police. Alcohol was not a factor, they said.

The investigation is ongoing. The family requested the name of the deceased not be released.

Anyone with information is asked to call Durham police at 1-888-579-1520, ext. 5225.

-with files from *Torstar News*

STARS COME OUT TO PLAY



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Ex-NHLer Keith Acton takes a slapshot during Hockey Night in Stouffville at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. For more details, turn to page 3.

United Way sets \$8.6M goal

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To ensure social services in an era of heightened demand, United Way of York Region has set an ambitious \$8.6-million target for this year's fundraising campaign.

The goal, to be announced at today's 2011 campaign launch at the Toronto CAT dragon boat festival

at Seneca College's King campus, is a 6-per-cent increase from last year's record achievement of \$8.1 million, chief executive officer Daniele Zanotti said.

"I know the challenge is daunting," he said to volunteers, sponsors and 39 teams that will gather to compete and raise funds. "I know the percentage increase is

aggressive, but I think of the 1,082 people turned away by Blue Door Shelters because there were no beds available last year. And the 207 women and 450 children running from abuse, who could not find a safe bed or support at Yellow Brick House or Sandgate, both full to capacity. And I know we must try. United, we can succeed."

The agency, supporting 41 member organizations, must strive to keep pace with the needs in our communities, even when that means stretching resources, this year's United Way campaign chairperson and York Region chief administrative officer Bruce

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