

Pancake brunch a sweet treat

By Steve Pliakes

On April 15, volunteers at Whitchurch Stouffville Museum hosted the annual pancake brunch, with real maple syrup. What a treat!

For just six dollars I enjoyed two servings of pancakes with ham and coffee. This tradition has been going on every April for close to 18 years. Over 95 people came out and bought tickets, but more than that went through the heritage buildings located on the museum grounds in Vandorf.

The buildings are the Bogarttown School which was built in 1857, the Vandorf School which was built in 1870 and the log house which was built in 1865. The museum holds many fun and interesting events throughout the year.

For information on upcoming events call the museum at 905-727-8954 or better still, become a member and you will receive all the information by mail or e-mail.



WhiStle Radio to host star-studded evening

By Jim Priebe

We are very fortunate to have Marie-Lynn Hammond joining us for our second Stars of Stouffville event.

The event will take place at Christ Church Anglican on Sunset Blvd. starting at 8 p.m. May 12. Tickets will be \$15 to cover our costs, with the remaining proceeds going towards establishing a community radio station in Stouffville that will play CDs by Stouffville and other Canadian musicians. The performers have once again generously donated their time and talent.

This year we are focusing on Stouffville acoustic musicians who have CDs or who will soon be releasing them. CDs by the performers will be sold in the lobby before and after the show, and at intermission. Pastry chef/caterer Lisa Darchville will supply intermission coffee and treats. Ashgrove Spa is providing free massages for musicians.

Musicians will mingle with the audience during the intermission and there will be an after party and jam session at The Main Course Restaurant, across from the clock tower on Main Street. Ticket holders are entitled to a 10 per cent meal discount at the restaurant on the day

of the event.

The first half of the concert will feature Marcus Adrien, Rachael Bradley, Justin Kerswill and Grainne Ryan. Chris Moroz (Zealand), Tommy Pullin with Alison Wiggins and Robin Short, and special guest Marie-Lynn Hammond will perform following the intermission.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy local talent and support a radio station that in turn will support local musicians. Visit www.whistleradio.com/StouffvilleEPavilion.html, email jim@whistleradio.com or call 905

640-6429 to buy tickets. They are also available at Barthau Jewellers, Boyd's Source for Sports, Main Course Restaurant and We Rock.

Please note that WhiStle Radio's planned launch date of June 30 is in considerable danger of being delayed owing to the high cost involved in getting started. People can help by shopping via our website, helping us to secure corporate sponsorship, joining our fundraising committee, buying tickets to the Stars of Stouffville and last, but not least, pledging a donation.



Tommy Pullin (left) and Robin Short performing in Stars of Stouffville 2006. Tommy will be back this year, showcasing his new album *Another Year*. He'll be joined by Loy Fernandes, Alison Wiggins and Robin Short.

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Blind children with white sightless eyes; deaf children whose grunts and wild gestures made them look less than human; children with deformed limbs, crawling on hands and knees like the street dogs around them. All begging in order to survive.

"Whose children are these?" he asked. The answer - nobody's children. Blind, deaf, disabled, poor and abandoned, these children became his children. With this one strong and decisive act of practical love, Christian Blind Mission was born. Since 1908, CBM has quietly grown to be the

largest organization rescuing people, especially children, trapped in poverty by disability.

"We've become experts in giving people back their sight, getting kids up walking, opening ears to the sound of laughter, all things we take for granted," Dave McComiskey told a Miracles of Life breakfast audience on April 19 at the Hilton Suites Hotel in Markham.

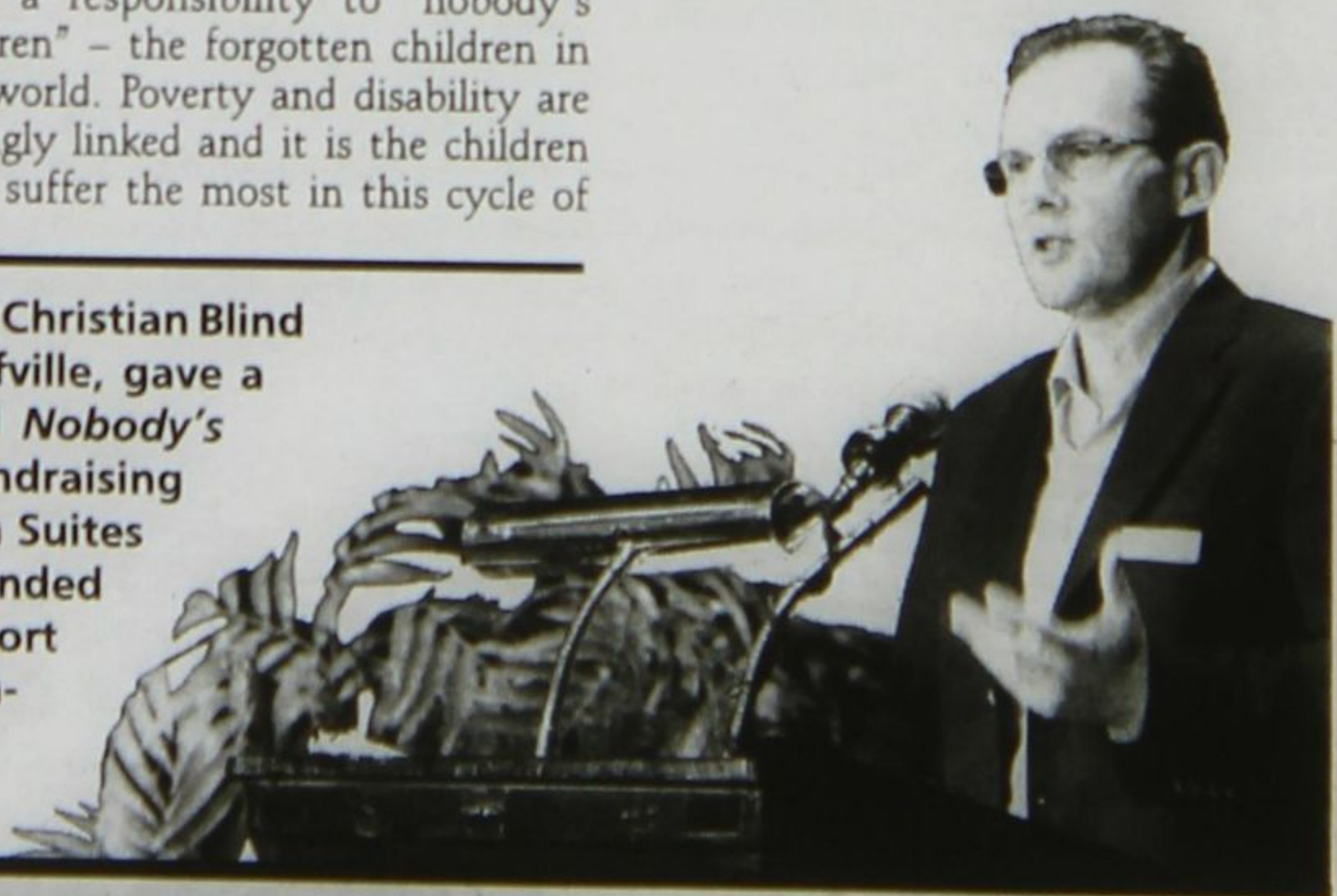
As citizens of one of the most blessed countries in the world, Mr. McComiskey believes that Canadians have a responsibility to "nobody's children" - the forgotten children in our world. Poverty and disability are strongly linked and it is the children who suffer the most in this cycle of

despair and pain. Each year CBM reaches four million children but the need is great, with 200 million children living in similarly desperate circumstances.

"We need people of compassion and people of vision to join with us...so that every child - no matter how disabled or alone - will know that they are somebody's child, that they are God's child," said Mr. McComiskey.

Over \$250,000 was raised in pledges and gifts at the event. For more information, visit www.cbmicanada.org

Dave McComiskey, executive director of Christian Blind Mission International Canada in Stouffville, gave a powerful and moving speech entitled *Nobody's Children* at the Miracles for Life fundraising breakfast, which was held at the Hilton Suites Hotel on April 19. A large crowd attended the event and gave generously to support CBM, which is the world's leading organization caring for people trapped in poverty by disability.



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