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540 GOLDEN HAWKS' LETTERS TO OUR HEROES

During the month of December, the cadets and staff at 540 Golden Hawks Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) showed their appreciation for the ongoing efforts of our local frontline workers. They recognized that not everyone would be able to spend time with their families during the holiday season, especially our frontline workers, who selflessly sacrifice their time with their loved ones as they battle COVID-19. It was for this reason that the Senior Cadets, aged 17-18, initiated "Letters to our Heroes", whereby the entire unit wrote heartfelt holiday messages of support and encouragement to our frontline workers. The local air cadet training has been exclusively delivered virtually since the beginning of the training year in September. As a result, all 75 letters were written safely at home, scanned, and compiled into on readable document that has been made available to the staff in Public Health, Paramedic Services, Fire Services and Halton Healthcare employees of Oakville. Thank you 540 Golden Hawks for caring!



Flight Corporal Annamika Kasturi writing her letter

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WINTER WARMTH BAGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Oakville Ward 7 Councillor Jasvinder Sandhu, in association with the Halton/Peel Multicultural Seniors' Association, donated over 50 bags of "winter warmth" to SafetyNet Charities. "These bags are an outpouring of support and love from local seniors in both Halton and Peel. They really demonstrate how good people come together in the spirit of Christmas and giving," said Sandhu. The Seniors' group consists of community members in both Regions, who are extremely active in their respective communities. Each bag contained gloves, socks, winter sweater, pyjamas, winter hat, toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitizer, liquid soap, wipes, body lotion and reusable masks. A special thank you to both SafetyNet for opening their bay doors for the donation and to the Seniors who helped raise over \$12,000 in support of this initiative. They not only donated to SafetyNet, but also distributed over 400 bags all over the GTA!



Sardul Singh Thiara & Councillor Jasvinder Sandhu with the SafetyNet crew

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Community Profile

Zonta Club of Oakville

Zonta Celebrates International Women's Day 2021 By Celebrating Women In The Community. The Zonta Club of Oakville is celebrating and supporting International Women's Day with the launch of their EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES campaign.

From January 15 until March 8, 2021, this new initiative is designed to encourage people to celebrate the special women in their life and raise awareness of International Women's Day. International Women's day is celebrated globally on March 8.

Since its inception in 1973, the Zonta Club of Oakville has been building community awareness for International Women's Day. In the last two years, the club raised over \$75,000 for the Oakville Hospital Foundation at its sold-out galas. This year, the celebration will be COVID-friendly with the goal to fill social media feeds and mailboxes with greeting cards and messages of gratitude.

As part of the social media campaign, the community is encouraged to identify the women in their life who have had a positive impact, using the hashtag #ZontaRose. Social media users can follow the campaign on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn platforms. Zonta Oakville is also encouraging supporters to purchase a package of 'I CELEBRATE YOU' yellow rose greeting cards to send to the important women in their lives. A package of 5 cards is \$30, with tax receipts issued for \$25. They are available at zontacelebrates.ca. The fundraising proceeds will go to the Oakville Hospital Foundation and women's charities.

In addition, the Downtown Oakville BIA will be supporting the initiative with WE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY posters in their shop windows. There will also be an instagrammable yellow rose display in Towne Square from March 5 - 8 2021.

"International Women's Day has always been an important fundraising event for the Zonta Club of Oakville," said Kathy Mundy, Zonta Event Co-Chair. "With the current pandemic and social distancing, our club has had to rethink how we can still celebrate women while supporting women's charities. The Zonta Rose campaign is an impactful, fun and creative way to celebrate all the Zonta Roses who make our community extraordinary."

The Zonta Club of Oakville is made up of a small but vibrant group of professional women, that work together to assist women in the Halton community and internationally. The organization works with charitable partners to provide emergency housing, financial aid, educational support, and mental and physical services to women in need.

For more information about the Zonta Rose campaign, or about the Zonta Club of Oakville, contact:
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