

Local News

Local business makes generous donations

This time of year, local businesses are always finding a way to donate to local charities.

Through the Ontario Automotive Recycler's Association (OARA), Miller's Auto Recycling was able to donate \$10,000 into the local community earlier this week with both Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) and the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) splitting the generous donation.

Members of OARA purchasing vehicles from the Retire Your Ride program, a federal initiative, has contributed an extra \$20 from every vehicle purchased through the program to donate to a charity or charities of their choice. On Tuesday, both non-profit organizations were invited to the local auto recycling facility on Bowen Road to each accept a cheque for \$5,000.

Mandy Crosby, of COPE said the amount of generosity she sees around Christmas is truly remarkable, especially when a donation of this size is presented to the local food bank on Dufferin Street. Whether it is thousands of dollars, or a bag of groceries someone drops off, it is appreciated just the same.

"Everyone has been so great to us and every little bit counts," she said.

Shirley Athoe, co-founder and treasurer of the HIAFE said donations like this allow for more time and attention to be paid to clients while providing the means to offer programs.

"This really is a wonderful surprise," she said.

Chris, Evan and Natalie Miller, operators of the local business, said it is rewarding to be able to make a difference, supporting charities that do exceptional work in the community.