

Wheels in Motion Sunday

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Who will ever forget the image of the handsome young Canadian, strapped to a wheelchair, forcing his form, and his chair, up heights most of us get dizzy just gazing at? That was the picture the world had of Rick Hansen during his Man in Motion tour, which circled the globe in 1985. Two years later, he was back in his home of Vancouver, having raised awareness and over \$26 million for spinal cord injury.

Three years ago, the foundation he began, created Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion as an opportunity for the well, and the disabled to walk, run or wheel to help improve the lives of people with spinal injury.

This Sunday, Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion takes place at the Burloak Canoe Club. Special guests including Olympian Larry Cain, MPP Kevin Flynn and Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale.

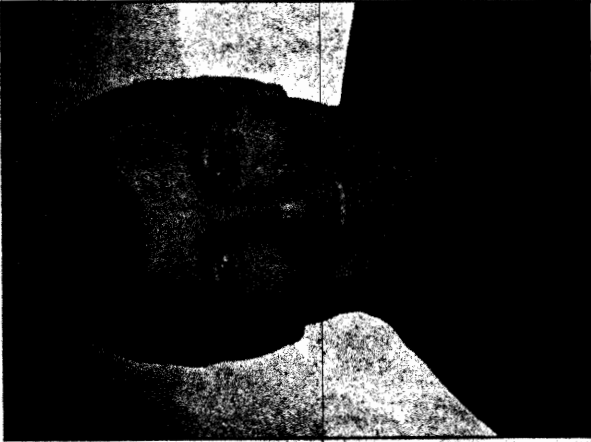
Honorary Chair is Councilor Ralph Robinson, and the Oakville event Chair is Glen Abbey's Cynthia Chiu. Last year's co-winner of the Com-

munity Spirit Award for Volunteer of the Year Jeff Gareau is chair of Media Relations and Community Development.

"I heard about Rick Hansen in the news as a teenager when he was actually going across Canada and the world in a wheelchair," recalls Gareau.

"I joined Rick Hansen in November after learning they needed some help in Oakville raising public/media awareness and the Wheels in Motion event on Sunday, for which I want to thank Oakville Today for covering."

The event committee is planning a spectacular, fun-filled day for kids and adults. Events include a BBQ, face painting, Corrie the Clown, live performances, boat and paddle rides, luau, an outrigger



The Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion has raised almost \$4 million for spinal chord research.

boat Blessing, fire truck demonstrations, hula dancing and free t-shirts to participants courtesy of Oakville's Medi-Chair. Registration begins at 8:30 am, starting time is 9:30 am. Since its inception, Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion has raised almost \$4 million.

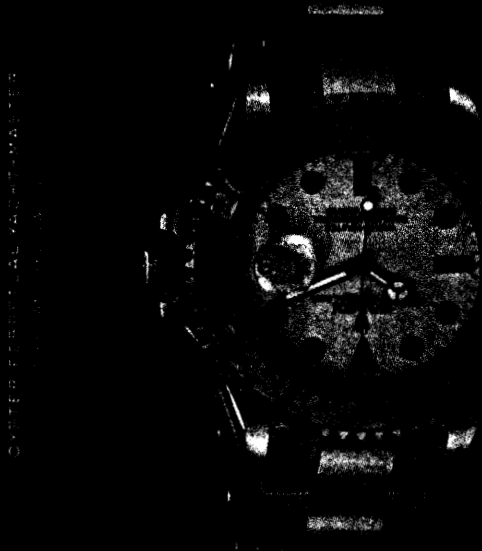
To learn more, check out www.wheelsinmotion.org.

Oakville Fire Fighters Car Wash

Join the men and women of the Oakville Professional Fire Fighters Association who will wash cars at Station #3 (Oakville Fire Department HQ - 125 Randall Street) to support Halton Easter Seals. The car wash will be from 10 am to 2 pm on June 10th. For more information visit www.oakvillepffa.com.

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