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## Ex-NHL players hit ice at benefit for sick children

Former Toronto Maple Leaf right winger Steve Thomas and other National Hockey League alumni will strap on their skates at York University this month to help raise money for a North York organization that helps seriously ill children.

What's more, hockey lovers aged 18 to 60 are invited to take part in Chai Lifeline's Hockey 4 Life fundraiser.

Chai Lifeline supports families through their children's serious illnesses.

The ill youngsters are connected with supportive "big brothers" or "big sisters" and receive regular hospital visits from volunteers.

Children with cancer can attend Camp Simcha.

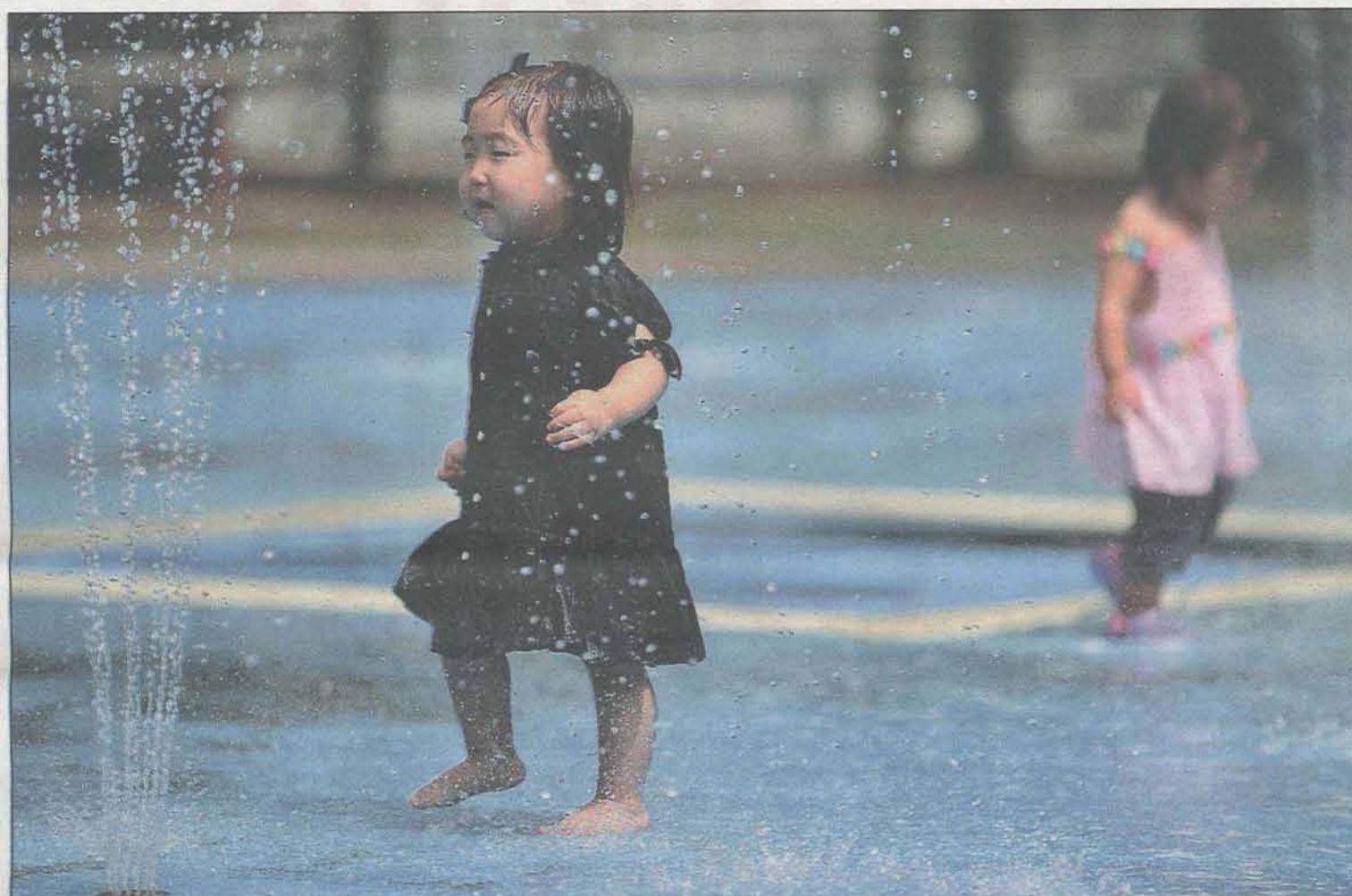
Meanwhile, parents dealing with the emotional and financial challenges of caring for a seriously ill

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### Details

- **WHAT:** Hockey for Life, a fundraiser for Chai Lifeline
- **WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Canlan Ice Arena is located at 989 Murray Ross Pkwy.
- **INFO:** [www.chailifelinecanada.org](http://www.chailifelinecanada.org)

## SPLISH SPLASH



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**COOL SPRAY ON A HOT DAY:** Hailey Ko, 1, left, and Rena Park, 1, play at the Hendon Park splash pad Sunday. For a list of splash pads across the city, visit [www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/splash-pads/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/splash-pads/index.htm). The pads will be open daily until Sept. 25.

# Healthy boost for food bank at Bathurst and Finch

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A new food bank set to run out of Northview Heights Secondary School this fall received a \$192,900 funding boost from the Ontario Trillium

Foundation.

The grant, which will be allocated over three years, went to North York Harvest Food Bank (NYHFB) to create the food bank, along with a community network of food programming that will improve access

to healthy, affordable food in the Bathurst Street and Finch Avenue area.

"We are taking the lead on development for the food bank program," said Daniel Liadsky, spokesperson for NYHFB, adding the project is in

partnership with Unison Health and Community Services, FoodShare, Circle of Care and the Toronto District School Board.

"As a food bank, (the Bathurst and Finch community) is a huge gap in our service area. There is a large

number of seniors on fixed incomes and they are in need of food support. The food bank is an approach to integrating a broad food program in the area, including community gardens and a food kitchen."

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# The minefield ahead that is the 2012 budget

Could it be the start of a palace revolt? Frances Nunziata, the long-serving councillor representing Ward 11, and longtime loyalist to Mayor Rob Ford (she was the first councillor to officially endorse Ford's candidacy), has let it be known that she likes libraries.

She likes them so much, in fact, that not only will she not support any move to shut down the libraries in her ward as part of the mayor's cost-cutting exercise this year, but she would like to see services actually expanded in library branches across the city.

Nunziata is joining a small number of councillors' reliable votes for the mayor's office (TTC Chair Karen Stintz, Economic Development Chair Michael Thompson, James Pasternak, Chin Lee), who are standing up to defend services that their constituents deem to be important.

Yes, it seems like a revolt. Complete collapse of the Ford mayoralty can't be more than a month or two away, leaving the stage ripe for Margaret Atwood to come in and set things right...

Right?  
Um, well, no. Almost certainly not.

Nunziata, who is also the

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elected speaker for Toronto Council, is definitely hearing from her constituents, and thinking about the services they require.

And by making her feelings known now, the veteran representative from the former City of York (where she was mayor prior to amalgamation) has probably assured that the libraries in her ward won't be shut.

But in doing so, she has simply demonstrated a reality that the Ford administration has so far downplayed, both to the public and itself: Council is not a single unit, and has no duty to follow a mayor, no matter how enthusiastically he or she attempts to compel it.

The mayor and his team are going to have to navigate the 2012 budget very carefully if it's to

pass, and Nunziata and the others have let them know this truth.

It's going to be messy work, because appeasing library-loving constituents isn't going to be as simple as apologizing to Margaret Atwood and keeping libraries open.

Karen Stintz has suggested libraries could find other efficiencies to make the 10 per cent – or \$18 million – in cuts that the budget committee is seeking.

During the abbreviated 2011 budget process, councillors got a look at the sorts of cuts that would achieve less than half that – \$8.1 million.

To get there, they would have to cut service hours significantly, reduce Sunday service hours during 37 Sundays, and permanently slash materials acquisitions by 11 per cent – or 116,000 items, which when added with other cuts would slash library acquisitions by 29 per cent.

Then, council and the library board actually voted to increase the library budget slightly – because no one really had the stomach for cuts to a well-loved service.

It is a minefield. And how Ford navigates it will be the first real test of his ability to lead.

# Trillium grant of \$192,900 given to food bank hub at Northview Heights school

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Located on the property of Northview Heights Secondary School, the Bathurst-Finch Community Hub broke ground in July and will offer a range of services, from health to counselling to settlement assistance.

Additionally, the hub will provide dedicated space and a garden for community members to convene and run programs, which, albeit separate from the food bank, will help bring NYHFB's project full circle. The hub is expected to open next spring.

"The funding will help to dramatically broaden the neighbourhood's food programming and expand access to emergency food assistance, community kitchens, community gardens, food markets and food skills and nutrition education," said NYHFB executive director Anette Chawla.

Liadsky noted Bathurst Street and Finch Avenue is one of the city's priority neighbourhoods and as of two years ago, hardly any programs addressing food needs or nutrition were available. Since then, a community garden run by the Bathurst-Finch Network was planted on the

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NYHFB executive director

grounds of Rockford Public School, Liadsky said, adding a food bank for the area was the next step.

"The Trillium grant is capitalizing on what's built and what's coming," he said.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has awarded \$5,272,000 in community grants to 51 not-for-profit and charitable organizations in Toronto, along with \$5,536,600 for 30 province-wide grants.

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