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CLEANING UP: Jasmine Harmina, 11, was one of several volunteers picking up litter at Petro-Canada Park, one of 30 Earth Week Clean Up nature sites in Oakville on Saturday morning.

Earth Week Clean Up gets bigger every year

A thousand volunteers joined together to clean up 30 nature sites in the 16th annual Earth Week Clean Up on Saturday, according to organizers from the Oakville Community Centre For Peace, Ecology And Human Rights (OCCPEHR).

"Thirty beautiful nature sites in Oakville were cleaned up by Girl Guides, Scouts and Beavers, residents associations, environmental groups, church organizations and hundreds and hundreds of dedicated citizens who are committed to protecting green space in their own neighbourhoods," said Stephen Dankowich, executive director of OCCPEHR.

"More than 8,000 metric tonnes (16,000 pounds) of garbage was picked up by the coordinators and volunteers who did an incredible job," he added.

"There were great turnouts of almost 100 people at the

Riverbank Way location (Dundas and Neyagawa), 64 people including 38 children at the Shannon Creek Trail and Parkette, and 85 people at the Glenashton Drive bridge clean up site including the Oakville Phoenix soccer team," said Dankowich. "A very enthusiastic group of French-speaking Scouts led 45 people in a thorough clean up at Glen Oak Trail. The West River Residents Association expanded the clean up from Hogs Back Park to include several parks and parkettes off Kerr Street. Friends of Bronte Creek Park removed 29 bags of garbage from the gulleys along Burloak Drive. Sigrid Kajiwarra phoned the Peace Centre in the week leading up to the community-wide clean up, received her bags, gloves and posters and organized a very successful clean up of Deer Run Park with 39 people."

The types of garbage collected included: coffee cups, metal rods, milk cartons, office chairs, patio furniture, wood, bread tray, carpets, burned furniture, computer keyboards, bikes, many shopping carts, many tires, vacuum cleaner, pitch fork, four sets of doors, Cadillac emblem, wheels, clothes dryer, wooden table, golf balls, muffler, cigarette packaging, computers, election signs, sled, pipeline warning sign, lots of candy wrappers and packaging for snacks, garbage blown from people's blue-boxes, typewriter, wire, television, beer and liquor bottles, a school desk, lawn chairs, umbrella, street post, golf club, chain-link fencing, bricks and concrete, mattress, scrap metal, curtain rod, blanket, hedge clippers, a bread knife, lots of soft drink containers, clear water bottles, plastic shopping bags, and fast-food packaging.

Watch Us Fashions

Ladies Fashions in the heart of Glen Abbey

Watch Us Fashions first opens its doors to Oakville 16 years ago deep in the heart of Glen Abbey as a children's store. Owner, Karen Nano soon developed a loyal clientele looking for unique and fashionable clothing for their young children.

The store continued to "grow" and business flourished for another 14 years, just like the children in Glen Abbey.

As a result, Karen and manager Kim Carter decided to introduce ladies clothing to the shop.

Feedback was so overwhelmingly positive, they made the timely decision to carry only women's fashions. Moms and Grandmas who used to shop for their children and grandchildren, were now shopping for themselves!

This Spring Watch Us Fashions has pulled out all the stops to provide fashion conscious women with the ideal opportunity to dress fabulously and reasonably, without having to go to the mall. The store offers unique items from Canadian companies including Tribal, Point Zero, French Dressing, JeannePierre, CYC, Joseph Ribkoff and Conrad C. Karen and Kim jokingly compare themselves to Stacey and Clinton of the popular television show *What Not to Wear*.

"We really have a blast selling ladies clothing," says Karen. "It's great to come to work and help one of our customers find that perfect outfit," adds Kim.

One of the most popular items at Watch Us Fashions is the "Oprah bra." Karen and Kim have been trained by the manufacturer of La Mesteire to properly fit a bra.

"We've found that just by wearing the proper bra a woman can look up to 20 pounds lighter. The transformation is incredible!" enthuses Karen.

"Sometimes we need to address how a woman looks underneath her clothing before we can recommend an outfit."

Exceptional service and personal attention are provided to every customer that walks through the door by the knowledgeable staff at Watch Us Fashions.

Watch Us Fashions is located at 1131 Nottinghill Gate (4th Line) in Glen Abbey and is open 7 days a week. For hours of operation please call 905-827-2271.



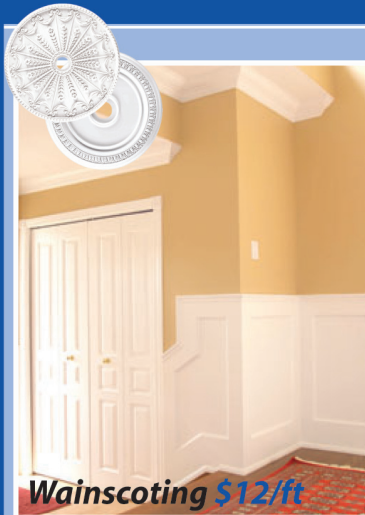
The women of Watch Us Fashions: Karen Nano, Owner and Kim Carter (r), Manager.

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