

Commons hears praise about Home James

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson had many words of praise for the local Home James program, and he delivered them recently in the House of Commons.

He rose in the House to praise the program that offered free rides home to people in the area who might have had too much to drink during celebrations over the holidays.

"I'm very pleased to be recognizing an outstanding program that is saving lives in my riding of Dufferin-Caledon," Tilson said in his statement to the House. "Home James, launched last fall by the Community Designated Drivers Association, is a free designated driver program, to reduce impaired driving in the community."

"During the 2012 holiday season, Home James recruited an impressive 145 volunteers who provided 360 rides to 822 passengers, which resulted in \$9,105.78 in donations that were later presented to local youth groups on January 17," he added. "Congratulations to this exceptional organization on a job well done, including Stan Janes and Diane Tolstoy, as well as the many service clubs and sponsors who supported the program, such as Bolton Rotary, Palgrave Rotary, Bolton Lions Club, Bolton Kinsmen, True Blue Lodge, Knights of Columbus Holy Father Catholic Church, Baffo's and Tim Hortons."