

# Supporters rally to award Silken a gold medal

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Citizens are responding with money and good wishes to a Mississauga businessman's campaign to raise funds to award rower Silken Laumann a citizen's gold medal.

David Brennan said Laumann, who won a bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics, deserves a gold medal for competing

only 78 days after an accident shattered her right leg.

Pledges to the Silken Laumann Award Fund have reached \$2,500, he said.

"Aside from the donations, the heart-felt sentiments about Laumann being sent by residents across the nation are really something," Brennan said.

"Many have written poems and many have expressed the hope that she will be honored as Canada's female athlete of the

year," he said.

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Laumann and other Mississauga athletes who competed in the Olympic Games will be honored tomorrow at Mississauga city hall. Brampton will honor its Olympians Sept. 14 with a parade to Gage Park and a community picnic.

He said he received a donation and a letter from Geoffrey Hall, co-ordinator of Prosthetic and Orthotic Services, Royal Jubilee Hospital, in Victoria, B.C., who

helped manufacture and fit four leg braces used during Laumann's rehabilitation.

"Though in obvious pain, Silken showed true grit and personal fortitude as she spent hours upon hours maintaining her cardiovascular fitness while being virtually confined to a wheelchair," Hall wrote.

A tentative medal design has been produced. Donations can be sent to Silken Laumann Award Fund, 935 Matheson Blvd. E., Mississauga, L4W 2R7.

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