

NEWSLETTER

Brant United Way
December 2008

How Your Donations Help

The Brant United Way provides essential financial support to its Member Agencies within our community. These agencies provide social service programs for children, youth, adults and seniors that assist them to overcome life's obstacles. This may involve helping a senior overcome a sudden loss of hearing or sight, assisting a family who is experiencing financial woes due to job lay-off, supporting a family with a child who has a disability, providing a mentor for a lonely child or making sure a hot nutritious meal is delivered to a shut-in. United Way Member Agencies can be found throughout our community quietly going about their work providing ongoing support to people in need. Without the financial support of the Brant United Way many of these agencies would not be able to continue their incredible work.

As a result of your generous donations we are pleased to announce the addition of four

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JANE STEWART

2008 Campaign – Message from the Chair

I was honoured to be the Campaign Chair for the 2008 Brant United Way Campaign and feel that this experience brought me even closer to our community. It is said that a community is judged by the way in which it supports those who have difficulty in fully supporting themselves. This year Brantford and Brant County residents showed their community spirit and raised in excess of \$1.4 million to help others. This is a wonderful outcome and speaks volumes about our belief in caring and sharing.

I want to thank the many volunteers and donors who contributed generously to the success of our Campaign. Thank you to the Campaign Cabinet who had a positive and winning attitude throughout the entire year, to the Employee Campaign Coordinators who made the workplace campaigns possible and to all the donors across Brantford and Brant County for their continued support. I know that our donors will be happy with the programs and services that their investments will fund. I also want to recognize the staff at the Brant United Way for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to excellence.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Nancy Tomkins as the Campaign Chair for the 2009 Campaign. Nancy was part of this year's Campaign team and I know that with her strong leadership skills and engaging personality Nancy will lead the way to another success!

I believe in my community, and this experience just confirmed again that together we can make a difference!

Jane Stewart

2008 United Way Campaign Chair

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new Member Agencies to the Brant United Way, bringing the total to 18 Member Agencies working diligently to address the growing needs within our community. These new agencies include **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk** (providing programming to Brantford), **Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre, Kids Can Fly** and the **Literacy Council of Brantford and District**. Through the programs and services offered by these new Member Agencies we will be able to assist more citizens in the Brant and Brantford community. We are pleased to welcome these new agencies to the United Way family and they will be part of the allocation process that starts in January to allocate the funds raised in this Campaign. In addition, we have been able to provide one-time funding to the **De dwa dea dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre** to assist them in developing a new program for Aboriginal children and youth to provide instruction in Aboriginal languages and traditional teachings.

Your donations truly make a difference in our community, thank you for all your support!

Important Dates

CITIZENS' REVIEW

January 19 & 20, 2009
 Volunteer committee reviewing Member Agencies for 2009 Allocations



2008 Achievement Luncheon

On December 11, 2008 Brant United Way hosted its annual Achievement Luncheon to publicly announce the Campaign achievement and to thank the community for its support. Volunteers gathered at the Best Western Brant Park Inn for a tasty lunch and celebration. Thank you to the event sponsors: Rogers Communication Inc. and Goderich Aircraft Inc. and supporting sponsor: The Nezoil Group.

Awards were presented to workplace campaigns and volunteers who went above and beyond to make this year's campaign a true success

Campaign of the Year Award

The Williamson Group Inc.

Cabinet Chair's Award

S.C. Johnson and Son, Ltd.

Spirit Awards

Majors:

ITML Horticultural Products

Personal Giving:

Alice Brown

Public Service:

Ontario Provincial Police

Commerce & Finance:

The Neziol Group

Mid-Size Industry:

Reynolds Custom Machine Inc.

Large Industry:

Paragon Industries/
 Custom Stainless Works

Business:

Future Shop

Public Education:

Branlyn Community School

Post-Secondary Education:

Mohawk College, Brantford Campus

Separate Education:

St. Gabriel School

Agencies:

Boys & Girls Club of Brantford

New Campaign Awards

ACIC-Methapharm Inc.

The Dynamic Financial Corporation

The Brantford Expositor

H.D.Brown Enterprises

Ingenia Polymers Inc.

Investors Group Financial Services Inc.
 The Keg

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse
 Mitten Inc.

Miura Boiler Co. Ltd.

Awards of Excellence (100% Employee Participation)

Adult Recreation Therapy Centre

Brant United Way

Dave Levac's MPP Constituency Office

Desjardins

The Dynamic Financial Corporation

Millard Rouse and Rosebrugh LLP

The Neziol Group

Nancy Tomkins' Charing Cross Implant
 and Denture Clinic

The Williamson Group

Media Awards

CKPC Radio Brantford

The Brantford Expositor

Rogers Communication Inc.

Pattison Outdoor Advertising

The Business Link

Turtle Island News

Top Accounts Awards

Apotex Pharmachem Inc.

Raymond Industrial Equipment Ltd.

Union Gas Ltd.

OLG Casino Brantford

Brant Community Healthcare System

City of Brantford Employees

Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP

Gates Canada Inc.

Great Restaurant Challenge

Boston Pizza

Workplace Campaign Highlights



The staff at **Agrium Advanced Technologies** participated in their annual United Way employee Campaign. This year, participants had to form teams of 4 and compete in an Amazing Race competition. Pictured is the winning team, “The Pink Ladies”, unfortunately named by their competitors. The enthusiasm and team work demonstrated at this event was incredible. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.



The Putt Hutt has designated the first Sunday of every month to the Brant United Way and will donate \$2 for every person that plays a round of glow-in-the-dark mini put on the designated Brant United Way Days. Putt Hutt hosted the inaugural Brant United Way Day on Sunday, December 7th. Thank you to everyone who participated in the United Way Day, we hope to see you again at the next one! Appearing in the photo from left to right are Mary Pick and Kelly Humphrey of the Brant United Way, Mike Caley and Bryan Quinlan Co-Owners of Putt Hutt. Putt Hutt is located at 143 Lynden Road. www.putthutt.ca



Thank you to **Mott Manufacturing Ltd.** for its support of the 2008 Brant United Way Campaign. An employee campaign and corporate match raised \$16,185 that will go to support the programs and services funded by the Brant United Way. Presenting the cheque on behalf of Mott from left to right were President and CEO Ed Seegmiller, Gary Murray, Katie Hankai, Mark Adlam and Carla Marques. Thank you to all the employees for their participation, we couldn't do it without you!



A big thank you to **Desjardins Credit Union** for running a fantastic employee campaign that raised \$2,717 for the Brant United Way. Appearing in the photo from left to right are Kathy Murray, Angela Adam, Kelly Humphrey, Penny Yarek and Arlene Andrews.



Thank you to **Forbes Bros. of Brantford** for its corporate contribution of \$1,500 to Brant United Way. Forbes Bros also contributed by running an employee campaign. Thank you to all of the staff at Forbes Bros. for your generous support! Appearing in the photo from left to right are Jim Forbes, Mary Pick, and Bob Forbes.



Thank you to the staff and friends of **Brantwood Residential Development Centre** for their enthusiasm and support of this year's Campaign. The Centre raised over \$2,673 for Brant United Way! Brantwood is also one of Brant United Way's Member Agencies, providing support to individuals with both developmental and physical challenges.