

NEWSLETTER

Brant United Way
December 2009

Programs funded by your donations to Brant United Way

The Adult Recreation Therapy Centre provides Adult Day Programs in Brantford and Brant County that offer various social, recreational and therapeutic activities to adults with various physical challenges, frail, socially isolated people and those with early stage Alzheimer's or dementia.

Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk. Provides three main programs to ensure children have an adult role model to look up to. These include: One to One Big/Little Match, In School Mentoring and Go Girls/Go Guys.

The Boys and Girls Club of Brantford provides a Transportation Program that ensures transportation to/from facilities for members/users that may not have the resources or means to travel to the Club to participate in programs.

Brant Food for Thought program provides a Student Nutrition Program that supports the healthy development of children and youth to arrive at school ready to learn by providing nutritious foods including breakfasts, lunches and/or snacks. *continued on next page*



NANCY TOMKINS

What an honour it has been to be the 2009 Campaign Chair for the Brant United Way.

Even during a downward economy the residents of Brantford and Brant County showed their community spirit and raised in excess of \$1.4 million. This speaks volumes about our belief in caring and sharing. Once again the community has rallied behind the United Way and showed what a caring community we are.

I want to thank the many volunteers and donors who contributed generously to the success of this year's Campaign. Thank you to the dedicated Campaign Cabinet who had a positive, determined attitude throughout the entire Campaign. A special thank you to the many Employee Campaign Coordinators who made the workplace campaigns possible and their employers who allow them this time. 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 Trish Kings as the Campaign Chair for the 2010 Campaign. Trish has been a tireless Cabinet member for several years. I am confident with her strong leadership skills Trish will lead the way to another successful Campaign!

I believe in my community. My experience as Chair has been a wonderful one and has confirmed once again that together we can make a difference!

Nancy Tomkins
2009 United Way Campaign Chair

I believe in my community



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Brantwood Residential Development Centre provides support to individuals with developmental and complex health challenges. Their Community Day Program offers support and comprehensive developmental activities for individuals, who have multiple disabilities, are over the age of 21, and reside in a family home.

The Canadian Hearing Society offers support to individuals who are deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and their families. They provide General Social Support Counselling, Employment Services that offer job-related career counselling, and a Technical Devices Program that offers a very complete range of communication devices that assist and augment communication, safety and independence. An Interpreter Service, Sign Language Instruction, Hearing Care Counselling, Information Community Outreach are programs that are also funded by Brant United Way.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) offers Assistive Technology Services, Early Intervention Services, Computer Training, Counselling, Independent Living Skills, Low Vision Services, Indoor and Outdoor Travel, Support and Self-Help Groups and Volunteer Services programs offering assistance to those with vision impairment.

The Canadian Red Cross Society provides a Disaster Management Program, Meals on Wheels, Transportation that includes door-to-door rides for the physically and mentally frail and seniors and a Widows Program.

Community Resource Service operates a Food Bank that provides support to both individuals and families needing food, and to community-based programs that support those needing food security. They also provide an Advocacy Program to assist individuals to recover funds owing from government programs such as: WSIB, Ontario Works, ODSP, etc.

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre Inc. offers continued learning opportunities including academic, life skills, physical fitness and recreation/leisure/craft skills for adults over the age of 18 with an intellectual disability.

The Family Counselling Centre of Brant provides Individual, Couple, Family and Group Counselling, Credit Counselling Services, support for Men's Groups (Men on the Move) and Women's Groups (women Initiating New Growth In Self- Esteem).

The Kids Can Fly offers the Roots of Empathy Program, an evidenced based parenting and anti-bullying program that shows 88% reduced aggression amongst children who participate, the Parachute Program, Book Camp and Blue Boxes for Books programs.

The Literacy Council of Brantford & District provides a confidential service to adults who wish to improve their literacy and essential skills which include reading, writing, oral communication and computer skills.

The Navy League of Canada – Brantford Branch operates the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Admiral Nelles and Navy League Cadets Admiral Landymore. These are two programs that provide a safe, fun environment for local youth.

Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services provides 16-week program called Challenge to Change - Men's Program that is directed at men who are, or are at risk of becoming, abusive towards their partners.

The Sexual Assault Centre of Brant operates a Young Women's Program that provides individual counselling sessions, advocacy, accompaniment, resources and referrals for female survivors of sexual violence aged from 14 to 19 years.

Victim Services of Brant has a Court Assistance Program that provides assistance and support to victims during the accused bail court hearing and an ALERT Program that assists victims of domestic violence with specific safety issues.

YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford operates a Youth Health Fitness Recreation Leadership and Play Program for children and youth that support the healthy development of children from 6 months to 15 years of age and Indoor and Outdoor Day Camps.

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

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Achievement Luncheon

On December 15, Brant United Way hosted its annual Achievement Luncheon to publicly announce the Campaign achievement and thank the community for its support. Volunteers gathered at the Best Western Brant Park Inn for a tasty lunch and celebration.

Awards were also 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

Millard Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP

Pacesetter Award

United Parcel Service

Spirit Awards

Personal Giving:

Colleen Stolp

Public Service:

Canadian Mental Health Association

Commerce & Finance:

Scotia Bank (all three branches)

Large Industry:

ASCO

Mid-Size Industry:

Procter & Gamble

Business:

Union Gas

Public Education:

Greenbrier School

Elementary Catholic Education:

St. Pius School

Secondary Catholic Education:

Assumption College School
and St. John's College

Post-Secondary Education:

Mohawk College, Brantford Campus

Separate Education:

St. Gabriel School

Agencies:

Family Counselling Centre of Brant

Cabinet Chair's Award

The Williamson Group Inc.

New Campaign Awards

Amber Lea Place

Navy League

Kids Can Fly

Crossing All Bridges
Learning Centre

The Literacy Council
of Brantford and District
Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Cobblestone Elementary
RBC Dominion Securities

Awards of Excellence (100% Employee Participation)

The Williamson Group

The Neziol Group

Nancy Tomkins Implant

& Denture Clinic

Dave Levac Constituency Office

Notre Dame School

St. Gabriel School

Essential Hearing Services

Brantford Honda

Procter & Gamble

Millard Rouse & Rosebrugh

Adult Recreation Therapy Centre

Brant United Way Office

Canadian Hearing Society

Family Counseling Services

Stepping Up Award

S.C. Johnson and Son, Ltd.

100% Participation for over 10 years

Dave Levac Constituency Office

The Williamson Group Inc.

Media Awards

CKPC Radio Brantford

The Expositor

Rogers Communication Inc.

Pattison Outdoor Advertising

Brant News

Paris Star

Top Achievers Awards

MYE Canada Operations Inc.

OLG Casino Brantford

City of Brantford Employees

Gates Canada Inc.

Liquor Control Board of Ontario

Workplace Campaign Highlights



A big thank you to all of this year's Employee Campaign Coordinators! These fabulous people volunteered to organize a United Way Campaign at their own workplaces, and had a tremendous impact on the success of this year's Campaign. You did it!!



This family run local business stepped up in a big way to help achieve success for this year's campaign. Despite having to overcome their own challenges due to the economy, the staff and management at **Reynolds Custom Machine** went over and above their goal, raising even more than the year before! Thank you so much, you really have made a difference!



The Navy League thought that they would be able to raise about \$100. Look at the numbers on that cheque – \$1002.56! These people are amazing.



The staff at **St. Pius School** ran a hugely successful Campaign, contributing more than ever for the Brant United Way. Employee Campaign Coordinator & Big Sister mentor Roseanne Plant wrote a very moving letter to her colleagues about the importance and value of United Way funded agencies in the schools where they work. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping to make this year a huge success!



Staff and faculty at **Assumption College** raised well over \$9000 for this year's campaign! A large part of this was thanks to the dedication of the two hard working student council presidents who organized and promoted the Campaign to their peers. Thank you to all of the staff and students at Assumption for your outstanding contributions to this year's Campaign.

Workplace Campaign Highlights



A special congratulations to all workplaces who had **100% participation** through payroll deduction this year. Your commitment to excellence for the Brant United Way is outstanding! You are a great inspiration to the other volunteers who are running campaigns in their workplaces. Thank you for your continued support to Brant United Way!



The Stepping Up Award. This new award was presented to **SC Johnson** for going well beyond what might be expected by any workplace campaign to achieve their goal.



Congratulations to everyone at **Mitten Inc.** for running such a great campaign this year! Your commitment to meeting and surpassing your goal is clear and you have made such a difference for our community! Thank you so much!



The ECC's from **Service Canada** really went above and beyond for the 2009 Campaign. This organization had increased participation in special events and increased employee donations. Way to go!

Pictured from left to right are: Loaned Rep. Candace Kingyens, and ECC's Barb Donovan, and Danielle Maher



CHMA was awarded the **2009 Spirit Award** in the Public Service Division. They increased their goal by over 300% and worked very hard to increase awareness of the Brant United Way within their workplace.

Pictured from left to right are: Loaned Rep. Candace Kingyens and Marie Weatherbee. Special thanks go to Marie Weatherbee and Richard Long. (Not pictured)