

# NEWSLETTER

Brant United Way  
October 2008

## 2008 BUW Airshow

Clients, staff and volunteers from Brantwood Residential Centre volunteered at the Brant United Way Airshow on August 27th. The Airshow is the official kick-off for the Brant United Way Annual Campaign and the goal of \$1.4 million was unveiled. Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors and donors who helped make this year's show a true success. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Important Dates

### FAMILY CARE CHIROPRACTIC 8TH ANNUAL UNITED WAY DAY

November 10, 2008

New patients receive a free complete chiropractic exam with a donation to Brant United Way. Spaces are limited, please call 519-752-8100.

### WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN END DATE

November 28, 2008

### BRANT UNITED WAY ACHIEVEMENT EVENT

December 11, 2008

Best Western Brant Park Inn  
Mark your calendar and watch for your invitation in the mail!



JANE STEWART

## 2008 Campaign – Message from the Chair

Despite a summer of rain, the weather cooperated and the 2008 United Way Campaign got off to a flying start at the Brant United Way Airshow. Many thanks to Gary Surette, the entire committee and the hundreds of volunteers that participated on the day of the event, for making it such a wonderful success.

### ***The 2008 Campaign is underway and our goal is \$1.4 million.***

The announcement of our goal and the need in our community to help support the work of our 15 Member Agencies has inspired so many individuals and local businesses to get into the action. Many workplaces are getting into the spirit by hosting barbeques, raffles and most importantly, encouraging payroll contributions. The Employee Campaign Coordinators (ECC) are personally asking their colleagues to donate and are having a lot of fun along the way. I am so glad to welcome many long-time employee campaigns back this year and to welcome a whole host of new ones.

The United Way thermometers went up last month to track our progress. Watch as they begin to rise. You can help us make it move by asking your friends and neighbours to join in and donate to the 2008 United Way Campaign. Every dollar counts!

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of United Way and our Member Agencies; your support greatly impacts the lives of so many in our neighbourhoods. Together we are stronger; together, we are building a better Brant.

Jane Stewart

2008 United Way Campaign Chair

believe I believe in my community



## Campaign Successes How Your Donations Help

In February 2008 a devastating fire destroyed Mike's\* house leaving him, his wife and their 3 children homeless and in need of assistance.

At first Mike was too embarrassed to reach out for help, but a phone call made to the Red Cross convinced Mike and his wife to meet with staff to discuss how to rebuild their lives.

The Red Cross was able to offer Mike and his family emergency shelter, clothing and food in their time of need. "We were very grateful to have such strong support during a trying time in our lives. Everyone treated us with respect and care. We know that without adequate funding

from the United Way this program wouldn't have been available for us. Thanks to the many people involved in supporting community programs, you've impacted our lives significantly."

*The Red Cross, one of the Brant United Way's Member Agencies, supports programs such as Disaster Relief, Meals on Wheels, Transportation and the Widow Group. These programs are available because of funding from the United Way. Member Agencies also work together by combining their services to provide the best possible support to community members. For example, when individuals take part in a day program at Adult Recreation Therapy Centre (ARTC), the meals are provided through Meals on Wheels, allowing ARTC to focus on program delivery not food preparation.*

*\*Name changed to protect identity*

## Workplace Campaign Highlights

Thank you to **The Williamson Group Inc.** for getting our workplace campaigns off to a great start. Paul Williamson (left) and Caroline Wichrowski (centre) of The Williamson Group Inc. present Commerce & Finance Division Chair, Karen Dzikowski (right) of RBC Financial Group with a cheque for \$40,000. This money was raised by The Williamson Group Inc. employees and matched dollar-for-dollar by the company.



Volunteers from **Sobey's** on King George Road were warm and welcoming despite the rain that threatened to put a damper on their charity BBQ for Brant United Way. On Saturday September 13th, Sobey's stores throughout our community hosted fundraising barbeques in support of the Brant United Way. The rain held off for most of the day, and the events raised over \$700.

## Workplace Campaign Highlights

**Investors Group** had the perfect day for their first charity BBQ in support of the 2008 Brant United Way Campaign. On September 26th the Investors Group staff, clients and friends all participated in the inaugural BBQ. Silvester Mior, Region Director (left), Christine Miller, Division Director (centre) and Todd Moser, Division Director (right) presented Jocelyn Symons, Campaign Associate (centre) of the Brant United Way with a cheque for \$1,341.



Thank you to **Raymond Industrial Equipment Ltd.** for its support of the 2008 Brant United Way Campaign. Bruce Wilson, 2008 Large Industry Co-Chair (second from right) is presented with a cheque for \$36,000 from members of Raymond's Employee Committee. The money was raised by Raymond employees and a corporate donation.

