

# NEWSLETTER

Brant United Way  
Spring 2008

## Recognizing Outstanding Volunteer Service!

M.P.P. Dave Levac poses for a picture with Brant United Way Board Chair Dean Braund and long-time Brant United Way volunteers Paul Williamson and Orland Harrison at the 2008 Volunteer Service Awards.

Paul and Orland were recognized by Brant United Way for their dedication and commitment to Brant United Way. Paul was recognized for 10 years and Orland for 20 years of volunteering.

We would like to thank both of them for their support and wish to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to all of the wonderful volunteers at the Brant United Way who make a difference in our community.



*Above from left to right:*  
Dean Braund, Paul Williamson,  
Dave Levac, Orland Harrison



JANE STEWART

## 2008 Campaign – Message from the Chair

I am very excited to be the Chair for the 2008 Campaign. The United Way has always been important to me. My Mother was a supporter and as a child I watched her volunteer for an organization that strengthened our community and improved the lives of local residents. Now it's my turn to reach out to the community and spread the word about the good work of the United Way.

Planning is well under way for the 2008 Brant United Way Campaign.

Our volunteers are busy meeting with businesses and individuals thanking them for their support and asking for their continued support. Our goal this year is to increase participation. If we all do what we can we will increase assistance to our growing community.

The campaign officially kicks-off at the Brant United Way Air Show on August 27th and runs until November 28th. We hope that you will join us by showing your support through a workplace campaign or an individual gift.

Your contribution to the 2008 Campaign will help improve the lives of your friends and neighbours. Please join me in building a strong community in Brantford and Brant County.

**Jane Stewart**  
2008 United Way Campaign Chair



## **Campaign Successes How Your Donations Help**

The 2007 Campaign was a milestone for the Brant United Way. It was the first time in six years that the annual Campaign surpassed its goal. This success resulted in \$1.43 million. The generous support of the community increased funding for a variety of member agencies including the Brantwood Residential Centre that provides a day program for individuals with developmental and physical handicaps.

We want to share with you a story that brought hope and life to a local family. The words of gratitude that this Mother expresses are all thanks to you, our donors.

Adam\* was born with severe developmental disabilities that left him wheelchair bound and non-verbal. His disability makes him dependent on us, his family, for every human function that is both needed and wanted.

About 2 years ago we received information that would change our lives; Adam had been accepted into the Brantwood Centre Day Program. His enrolment into the program meant that we could keep him at home, therefore keeping our family together.

Adam's two favourite days at the Centre are Tuesday & Thursday. On these days Adam gets to enjoy multi-sensory therapy which provides him with pure relaxation and enjoyment. The smile on Adam's face on these two days could light up a city block.

Not only does Adam benefit physically, but he also benefits socially. He's made strong friendships with the other individuals attending the Centre and he truly loves the Brantwood staff. They provide incredible care to all the participants of the program and their involvement has contributed to Adam's independence and dignity.

Our family feels very privileged to use the services of the Brantwood Centre. It has helped Adam in ways that we couldn't have imagined and the most important benefit of all is that it has helped our family stay together. None of this would be possible without the funding from the Brant United Way and for that I want to say Thank You!

Additional funding has enrolled 3 families into the Brantwood Centre Day Program and has created a weekend respite program for another family for 7 months, but the needs of our community continue to grow. There are still families on the waiting list for the Brantwood Centre Day Program and that's why we need your support. Your contribution can change the lives of a family just like Adam's.

*\*Name changed to protect identity*

## **Important Dates**

### **GIANT WAREHOUSE SALE**

*May 31, 2008*

575 Colborne Street East  
(former BiWay Store)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*June 18th, 2008*

### **AIR SHOW DINNER**

*August 26, 2008*

Brantford Municipal Airport

### **BRANTFORD AIR SHOW**

*August 27, 2008*

Brantford Municipal Airport

### **EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN**

#### **COORDINATOR TRAINING**

*September 12, 2008*

### **WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS**

*August 27 – Nov. 28, 2008*

