



United Way Campaign 2009 targets \$2.65 million!



We've set an ambitious \$2.65 million fund raising target for 2009! Our annual fund raising campaign kicked-off on Wednesday, September 16, at Immigrant Services Guelph & Wellington. Dr. Alastair Summerlee, chair of the United Way campaign cabinet, spoke of the past generosity of donors and volunteers who have raised over \$12 million for United Way funded programs over the past five years. Click [here](#) to read more.

Dr. Summerlee called on all of us to once again come together to show that Guelph & Wellington is a caring community committed to making a difference. Please give generously. You can donate now at www.unitedwayguelph.com/donate or call 519-821-0571. Donations can be sent to 85 Westmount Rd, Guelph, N1H 5J2.

Thanks to our Pacesetting Campaigns!

Our sincere thanks to those workplaces that have finished their employee campaigns or have confirmed a corporate gift prior to campaign kick-off.

- The Bank of Montreal
- Bell Canada
- Cox Construction Ltd.
- Elliott Coach Line
- Guelph Brock Road Garage Ltd.
- The Guelph Mercury
- Guelph Utility Pole Company Ltd.
- Gunn Metal Stampings
- IBM Employees' Charitable Fund
- Jack's Aluminum Ltd.
- Linamar Corporation
- Linex Manufacturing, a Linamar company
- McNeil Consumer Healthcare
- Meridian Credit Union
- Protein Specialties Inc.
- Rogers Communications Inc.
- Schneider National Inc.
- Tacoma Engineers Inc.

General Rick Hillier to Speak to Leadership Donors Oct 1.



General Rick Hillier, Former Chief of the Defence Staff for the Canadian Forces, will speak to United Way leadership donors on October 1 at the new Linamar Training Centre. General Hillier will speak on how leadership made a difference in his real life experiences in the military, and the importance of being a leader in your community.

Leadership donors give at the \$1,000 per year - \$20 per week - level. To find out more about leadership giving or the presentation by General Hillier, contact Grace Correia, campaign director at (grace@unitedwayguelph.com or 519-821-0571 x 33).

Workplace Campaigns in Full Swing!

Over 200 workplaces run United Way campaigns. Take a look at some of the fun, innovative things they are doing this year!

- The **University of Guelph** will host a BBQ on September 24 to kick-off their United Way campaign. The BBQ and kick-off coincide with the university's Sustainability Week, "ntertwined: Roots to Community Sustainability." The week takes a broader approach to sustainability, looking at social and ecological communities.
- Brad Scott from **The Co-operators** raised \$8,000 for the United Way by cutting off his waist-length hair on September 17.



- The **City of Guelph** held a very successful BBQ for United Way on September 1, hitting one of the first beautiful days of the summer!
- Twenty **Linamar** employee campaign coordinators toured Action Read and the Wyndham House Youth Residential Program for young men on September 10. The group was excited about what they learned about these impressive United Way funded agencies.

Jennifer Beehler wins award for her commitment to the United Way

Jennifer Beehler, a member of the United Way's Campaign Cabinet, was one of nine University of Guelph employees recognized with a 2009 President's Awards for Exemplary Staff Service in early September. Jennifer received the Spirit Award and the U of G Alumni Association Employee Volunteer Award. She has been a fixture in the University's United Way campaign, serving for the last two years as the campaign co-chair. Congratulations Jennifer!

A profile of poverty...Julie's Story

Julie's Story, recently released by the United Way's Social Planning Department, is a moving true tale of one woman living in poverty. Take a moment to read [Julie's story](#) – and learn about how the [Community Resource Centre](#) and the Welcome In Drop-In Centre, two United Way funded agencies made a difference in Julie's life.

New Faces at the United Way

The United Way has recently welcomed some new faces in the office.

- Steve De Piante from The Co-operators, Vanessa Young from the University of Guelph, and Kathie Noble from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs are joining the campaign team for the next three months as loaned representatives. All are excited about the opportunity to give back to their community.
- Mark Town will be filling in for Jillian Tausky, systems and database manager, during her maternity leave.

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