

Program Funding Orangeville & Dufferin, 2011

The United Way is pleased to be providing funding for the following Orangeville and Dufferin area programs in 2011:

- Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County—Friendly Visiting Program
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin—Core Program
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Grand River Branch—Youth Talk
- Dufferin Child and Family Services—Medically Fragile Technologically Dependant Day Respite Program (MFTD Program)
- Dufferin Parent Support Network—Group Parent Education
- Headwaters Communities in Action—Engaging & Educating Citizens on Community Wellbeing
- Hospice Dufferin—Case IT Management

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County

Friendly Visiting Program

25 Centennial Rd., Unit 1
Orangeville, ON, L9W 1R1

T: 519-941-1221

E: info@alzheimerdufferin.org

W: www.alzheimerdufferin.org

United Way Funding Allocated: \$7,250

The Friendly Visitors program matches volunteers with people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Once a week, volunteers visit their clients (who quickly become their friends!) at their home. The visits are a weekly highlight, a chance for fun and games, sharing stories and perhaps a cup of tea. Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease also benefit, getting a rest from the 24/7 care they offer, knowing that their loved one is in good hands. United Way funds will help continue this program and support new Friendly Visitor matches.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin

Core Program

Mailing: P.O. Box 2
Orangeville, ON, L9W 2Z5
Street: 32 First Street, Suite L1
Orangeville, ON, L9W 2E1

T: 519-941-6431
E: dufferinbigs@aol.com
W: www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/Dufferin

United Way Funding Allocated: \$8,250

Think back to the role models you had when growing-up. Would you be the same person today without their support and mentorship? Big Brothers Big Sisters helps at-risk children from single-parent homes find supportive role models by matching them with caring adult mentors. The two meet weekly for fun and conversation. Through this relationship, the children gain a positive role model that helps guide them to make more positive life choices, build their self-esteem, and learn trust. United Way funding will help support this program.

Canadian Mental Health Association, Grand River Branch

Youth Talk

5420 Hwy 6 North, Suite J100
RR #5 Guelph, ON, N1H 6J2

T: 519-766-4450 x 239
E: admin@cmhagrb.on.ca
W: www.cmhagrb.on.ca

United Way Funding Allocated: \$4,500

Many people don't know that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for those aged 15-24. With the support of the United Way, Youth Talk will support peer-led groups in local schools that provide awareness about mental health and suicide, and local resources. Members of the teams in each school will develop and deliver projects that get students thinking about the signs of suicide risk, and knowing what to do if they or someone they know are having thoughts of suicide.

Dufferin Child and Family Services

Medically Fragile Technologically Dependant Day Respite Program (MFTD Program)

655 Riddell Rd.
Orangeville, ON, L9W 4Z5

T: 519-941-1530 x423

E: mail@dcafs.on.ca

W: www.dcafs.on.ca

United Way Funding Allocated: \$10,461

The MFTD program gives children with complex medical needs a safe and supportive environment for recreational, creative and social activities. The day-long program offers their parents a much needed day of respite from the responsibility of providing full-time care to their sons and daughters. Parents of children participating in the MFTD program have commented that this services “is a lifesaver for our family.” “My child loves his friends and staff at the program,” adds one parent. Another says, “It gives me the much needed respite that I crave every other weekend.” United Way funding will provide support to this important program.

Dufferin Parent Support Network

Group Parent Education

655 Riddell Rd.
Orangeville, ON, L9W 4Z5

T: 519-940-8678

E: info@dpsn.ca

W: www.dpsn.ca

United Way Funding Allocated: \$5,000

There is no handbook on how to become an effective parent. No matter the socio-economic status, age or marital status of parents, all are looking for ways to deal with the ever-changing challenges and behaviours that growing children present. The Group Parent Education program helps strengthen families by promoting positive parenting approaches through education and skill-building. With the support of United Way funding, Dufferin Parent Support Group will be able to organize and deliver a spring workshop series on effective parenting, increasing its outreach across Dufferin by 25% in 2011.

Headwaters Communities in Action

Engaging & Educating Citizens on Community Wellbeing

c/o GDACC, P.O. Box 101
Orangeville, ON, L9W 2Z5

T: 519-904-3118
E: action@headwaterscommunities.ca
W: www.headwaterscommunities.ca

United Way Funding Allocated: \$3,500

Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) is a grassroots citizen group that fosters community leadership and action in support of a long-term vision of well-being for the Headwaters region. Our approach emphasizes collaboration and promotes comprehensive, community-based solutions to local issues. This United Way funding will be used by HCIA to inform citizens about well-being in the Headwaters and to support projects aimed at taking collective action on priority issues.

Hospice Dufferin

Case IT Management

39 First St.
Orangeville, ON, L9W 2E3

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United Way Funding Allocated: \$1,030

Hospice Dufferin works with individuals and their families when they are faced with life-threatening illness or bereavement. A palliative care case manager assists each of these families, over 200 in 2009. Depending on individual needs, the case manager works in the local hospital, long-term care facilities, and client homes, leading to a lot of travelling. Funding from the United Way will provide the case manager with IT tools to allow for immediate, secure, access to client files from anywhere in Dufferin.

The following agencies funded by the United Way of Guelph & Wellington (Guelph allocations process) also operate in Orangeville & Dufferin County: Food & Friends, Community Torchlight/Distress Centre and the Canadian Mental Health Association: Grand River Branch (additional programs).

Learn more about these programs at www.unitedwayguelph.com