

Remarkable

People. Neighbourhoods. Impact.

United Way sets sights on neighbourhood services with bold 2007 goal

United Way of York Region moves to strengthen the local social service network in York Region. The bold 2007 goal of \$9 million will make a remarkable difference for people in need throughout York Region neighbourhoods. Your support for United Way of York Region's Community Fund provides support to 40 local agencies, providing nearly 100 programs throughout York Region's 9 municipalities. That's impact! The goal was announced at the 4th annual AMD Dragon Boat Festival August 18 at the Seneca College King Campus.

[Click here for more information on the AMD Dragon Boat Festival.](#)

Your donations at work in remarkable York Region neighbourhoods

United Way of York Region has announced an additional \$290,000 investment in local social service programs. Chair of the UWYR Fund Distribution Committee, Rick McHale says, "Thanks to United Way donors, we are extremely pleased to announce the addition of Chinese Family Services of Ontario as our newest member agency. Additionally the September 12 funding announcement allows 8 existing member agencies to expand important services throughout York Region's ever growing and changing neighbourhoods.

[Click here for the Media Release.](#)

Remarkable strength -- remarkable resilience. One young man's story.

"I loved my Mom. She was all that I had. But I was also learning about street life and ways to make money, so I could leave home".

Bobbi's* story is told by Barbara Trieloff. She is a Senior Lead in Training and Development in the financial services sector – and her passion is helping kids. Her experiences as a volunteer youth mentor lead her to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York Region, a United Way member agency, that helps children focus their futures in a positive way. Barbara is now a member of the agency's Board of Directors and Vice President on the Executive. Stories like Bobbi's continue to inspire her.

[Click here to read Bobbi's story.](#)

Remarkable effort! York Region's Employee Campaign Chair, Karen Kryzanowski, sets high standard.

Year after year, the Regional Municipality of York organizes a remarkable United Way Campaign. In 2006 they were among the Top 10 supporters, with employees raising \$120,000 to help people in need throughout York Region neighbourhoods. Ironically, past successes just made life more challenging for their 2007 Employee Campaign Coordinator Karen Kryzanowski - it is tough to improve on those results!

Under the leadership of Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, and Inspector Stan Colley, York Regional Police, Karen and her remarkable Campaign Committee are rising to the challenge - building on a strong foundation and taking the campaign to new heights.

With 3,000 employees spread out in 60 different locations, the logistics of this campaign are daunting. But Karen and her Committee have developed a time-efficient strategy that is aimed at ensuring all employees learn more about United Way impact. Among other strategic initiatives, the Committee has set a goal of hosting at least 20 speakers from local agencies that receive funding from United Way.

We congratulate your effort and look forward to your remarkable results.

For more information on how to coordinate a spirited Employee Campaign in your workplace [Click here](#).

Health and social services in 905 found lacking

A recent report prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers brings public attention to a provincial funding gap for social services and health care in communities throughout the GTA/905, as compared to the rest of Ontario. [Click for the full story from yorkregion.com](#).

York Region battles with smart growth and liveability

A new study suggests York Region and other GTA communities are grappling with issues related to rapid population growth. The Pembina Institute is a national think-tank on energy and environmental issues. It's "Ontario Community Sustainability Report - 2007" provides a snapshot of the sustainability of selected communities across Ontario in recent years. It suggests York Region faces some serious problems. [Click here for the Pembina Insitute Report](#).
