

Remarkable Together

Hundreds Participate in Inaugural United Way Week

From September 29th through to October 4th, residents, municipalities, community leaders and groups wholeheartedly accepted the invitation to join United Way of York Region (UWYR) in a celebration of our remarkable region through the inaugural United Way Week. And what a week it was:

- On the morning of September 29th, in the middle of an open field, United Way Week kicked off with the release of a compelling report , ...**if addressed**, which outlines the challenges facing our region and invites all members of the community to participate in finding solutions. [Click here for the full story.](#)
- On October 2nd, for our 16th **Day of Caring®**, over 150 volunteers from 12 York Region corporations took part in 15 projects, ranging from preparing meals to painting sheds. [Click here to view photos.](#)
- On October 3rd, the Varley Art Gallery hosted the opening night of “**Hidden in Plain Sight, Living Homeless in York Region**”, an exhibit which exposed the realities of homelessness in York Region. The exhibit was jointly sponsored by the Alliance to End Homelessness in York Region, United Way of York Region and the Region of York. Kevin, a contributing artist born in Newmarket, is, by his own definition, chronically homeless, and was the inspiration for this photographic project. [Click here to read his story.](#)

A special thank you to our media sponsors York Region Media Group and Rogers for their excellent support and coverage throughout the week and our entire campaign. For more information on the inaugural week, or to find out how you can help United Way, please contact ncleve@uwyr.on.ca.

United Way of York Region places a high value on our relationship with you, our donors. Without your support we would not be able to achieve our mission to unite people and resources to improve our communities. We thank you for your commitment to us.

We believe that transparency and accountability are essential to our success. With this in mind, we have recently joined Imagine Canada's Ethical Code Program.

The Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code lays out a set of standards for charitable organizations to manage and report their financial affairs responsibly. By adhering to these standards, we are complying with generally accepted practices for soliciting and managing donor dollars. This is important because you, our supporters, are entitled to transparency and the greatest impact possible for your investment in us.

If you have any questions about our adherence to the Ethical Code, please contact Jim Russell, Senior Director, Community Involvement at jrussell@uwyr.on.ca or visit our website to view our financial statements. [Click here to find out more about Imagine Canada's Ethical Code Program](#)