

# your community your impact



Fall 2020

## Success Amidst Challenging Times

The school year of 2020 looked a lot different than any other school year we have witnessed and our Stuff the Bus campaign had to adapt to this new reality. We were incredibly fortunate to have an anonymous donor step forward and provide almost all the supplies for over 650 school children across Haldimand and Norfolk.

Local champions, Faith Centennial United Church in Selkirk also provided new backpacks and school supplies and with the outstanding support of 100 Women Who Care Haldimand, and the staff at Roulston's downtown Simcoe, our campaign was a success!

With the help of volunteers, we were able to deliver all the items to schools across Haldimand and Norfolk so that they could disburse to students in need.

"Back to school shopping should be an exciting time for students, but for hundreds and hundreds of children across Haldimand and Norfolk, this is a luxury they never get to enjoy. We are thrilled to have received a very substantial donation of all new school supplies from an anonymous donor, as well as donations of school items from the congregation of Faith Centennial United Church in Selkirk and the generous support from 100 Women Who Care Haldimand and the Staff from Roulston's in downtown Simcoe. Through this collective effort, we will ensure that even more children across our communities are ready for their school experience", says Kim Shippey, Executive Director, United Way Haldimand and Norfolk.

United Way has one goal in mind - to help as many people as possible across Haldimand and Norfolk. Setting students up for success is a key part of that goal.

If your school is in need of supplies, please contact Judy at [judyt@unitedwayhn.on.ca](mailto:judyt@unitedwayhn.on.ca) for more details.



Top: Ron Tomczak, volunteer, delivering items to schools

Middle: donated items

Bottom: Kim Shippey, Executive Director (right) and daughter, Chloe Shippey delivering supplies to schools across Haldimand and Norfolk

Change starts here. | L'heure est au changement.

To remove your name from our mailing list, email us at [info@unitedwayhn.on.ca](mailto:info@unitedwayhn.on.ca) or call 519-426-5660



# More than **\$315,000** invested in Haldimand and Norfolk through the Government of Canada's ECSF

On May 20, we launched a call for applications for the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) with all applications closing on July 31. The fund allocated grants to non-profit CRA qualified organizations with the intention to strengthen the capacity of community service organizations to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable individuals and families that were directly affected by COVID-19.

*“Our United Way was proud to support this important investment of \$315,467 to help find solutions and mobilize the communities of Haldimand and Norfolk. The pandemic has affected so many people in our communities, especially those experiencing homelessness, food insecurities, mental health struggles and financial difficulties. The work of our United Way, along with our trusted partners, has never been more important. Together, with this investment from the Government of Canada, we can create a measurable impact on the lives of individuals and families in our immediate area that are directly affected by COVID-19. Our mandate remains the same, we are here to help”*, says Kim Shippey, Executive Director, United Way Haldimand and Norfolk.

Through this funding, we were able to assist the following non-profit charities:

**Special Olympics Ontario** – Purchased Android tablets for Special Olympic athletes to support the health of athletes with intellectual disabilities to stay connected, active and positive.

**Church Out Serving** – Prepared, assembled and delivered meals and food hampers to the most vulnerable residents of Haldimand and Norfolk.

**Rotary Club of Dunnville Foundation** – Working in partnership with schools in the Dunnville area, provided 118

grocery gift cards and distributed them to vulnerable children and their families.

**Haldimand-Norfolk Community Support Centre** – Offered fresh produce food boxes to address the needs of food insecurity across Haldimand and Norfolk. Partnered with local farmers to acquire the produce.

**Haldimand-Norfolk Strong Start** – Due to the closure of schools during the pandemic, funding was used for training sessions and training space to prepare their volunteers to offer the Strong Start reading program in the fall.

**Mississauga of the Credit First Nations** – As a direct result of the mental effects of COVID-19 for on and off reserve members, a mental health initiative of traditional medicine gardens was created. In partnership with the Elders and the Knowledge Keepers, they recorded the teachings about the medicines and the seven grandfather teachings. All were made available in their library and elementary school to preserve their culture, heritage and traditional knowledge.

**Dalhousie Place** – COVID-19 caused a backlog of family court cases and the funding supported a community/court liaison to work directly with the families and the court houses of Cayuga and Simcoe.

**Haldimand-Norfolk R.E.A.C.H.** – With the impact of COVID-19 on children and families, R.E.A.C.H. developed a centralized food purchasing platform that connected food vendors and local farms to access healthy food for distribution to marginalized families across Haldimand-Norfolk.

**Easter Seals** – The purchase of wheelchairs and mobility and accessibility equipment was provided to children in need in Haldimand and Norfolk.

*“The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting us all, but some Canadians are more vulnerable to the social, health and economic impacts of the crisis. The Government of Canada is pleased to support charitable and non-profit organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so that they can continue to serve vulnerable members of our communities,”* says the Honourable Aimee Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

Canada 

## Launching United Way's 2020 Campaign

When you make a donation to United Way, you are making an investment in your community and ensuring that your friends and neighbours have the opportunity to succeed. Every dollar of your donation is invested right here in your community to transform local lives and create lasting social change. Haldimand and Norfolk is made up of resilient and caring people and now, more than ever, we must stand together and collectively make a difference in the lives of those in need in our communities.



**Your United Way is here to help—but we can't do it without you.** We currently support 10 agencies that provide 14 separate programs. From mental wellness, to reading programs for children, to food security, to bereavement programs, to social inclusion, United Way's goal is to mobilize our local community to help solve complex social issues.

We need your help to do that. Our 2020 campaign is launched and there are over 15,750 individuals in Haldimand and Norfolk that need your help now. Join us and change lives. Be a community champion and change your community for the better. Together, it is possible.

Visit [www.unitedwayhn.on.ca](http://www.unitedwayhn.on.ca) and see how you can be a community champion.

## Spirit Awards 2020

United Way celebrates its volunteers who give of their time and talent to help others. Their compassion, dedication and undeniable community spirit creates positive change across Haldimand and Norfolk.

We applaud each and everyone of you!

George Karamilev, Domino's (Simcoe)

Priyanka Kaul, Imperial Oil

Peter Davidson, Imperial Oil

Ashley Brigwater, Scotlynn Commodities

Matt LeSage, Turksra Lumber

Alison High, Secondary School Campaign

Nancy Norton, Elementary School Campaign

Tracy Rodrigues, Catholic Board School Campaign

Brenda Blancher, Grand Erie District School Board

Ron Tomczak

Harold J. Schneider Community Service Award

Spirit Award

Volunteer of the Year



## Did You Know?

**100%** of your donation stays right here in Haldimand and Norfolk and helps over **15,750 people**. That's collective impact in action!

Together, we make our community stronger.

**#WhatWeRaise  
HereStaysHere!**