



JAIL & BAIL 2018 - OVER

\$11,000 RAISED!!!

Our second annual Jail & Bail fundraiser was hosted in Simcoe and Cayuga on September 12. The day was full of fun, creative crimes and lots of bail money raised for a good cause. Some of our criminals received bribes from coworkers to stay in jail long after their bail was raised. What a great way to have some fun with some coworkers! With the help of our willing jailbirds and those who posted their bail and bribes we were able to raise over \$11,000.

A special thanks goes to the following donors: McDonald's (Simcoe), and Tim Hortons (Cayuga) for coffee, Domino's Pizza (Simcoe) for pizza, Shelly's Family Dining & Catering (Cayuga) for cake, OPP Haldimand & Norfolk for their time and fingerprinting skills, Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show (jail cell - Norfolk), Touch of Haven (jail cell - Haldimand), Community Addiction and Mental Health Services of Haldimand and Norfolk (Photos & Presentation), Adam Veri (Logo design), Foodland Cayuga (use of their parking lot), and Turkstra Lumber Simcoe (tent).

If your workplace would like to submit a team of criminals to participate next year, please let us know so we can sign you up for next year. It is a great way for local businesses to give back to their community.

BRINGING PEOPLE
TOGETHER
TO MAKE THINGS
BETTER

New Staff



Judy Tomczak, Communications

Assistant - My husband and I moved from Brantford to Simcoe over 3 years ago. We instantly fell in love with the community and felt at home here. My plan was to work at my former job located in Ancaster until retirement. It had been my work home for over 20 years and the plan seemed fool-proof until it was announced that the organization would be closing its doors.

Suddenly, I felt vulnerable. Not working wasn't an option and for the first time, I felt old. What would over 20 years experience look like on a resume? I began the process of grieving my job and coworkers, who were a family of sorts. I sent out resume after resume and felt like a child on a playground hoping to be picked to play on a team. I waited.

With heavy hearts we went through the process of hiring an agent to sell what was to be our forever home. One week before we were to list, I received a call from Brittany Burley, the Executive Director of UWHN with an offer of the position of Communications Assistant. Over 20 years of experience was an asset in her eyes.

I am most content I told Brittany, ***when my job helps others.*** I've been there more times than I can count when life throws a curve. I know what it is like to be a single parent and live paycheque to paycheque. I know the struggle of having a child with special needs. I know what it is like to have a loved one suffer with mental illness and addiction. I know the pain of feeling hopeless in an endless cycle but I also know the hope found in a local agency that specializes in these struggles and when life doesn't go according to plan.

There will always be more need than help, more need than resources and more need than people to serve. We will never be able to reach everyone but we must never stop trying to do more, to reach more and to give more. We are in the business of providing hope and many of our supported agencies who are on the front lines of

providing that hope have been there. There is no greater comfort than someone **who has been there to be there.**

I am thrilled to have found my new home here in my own community and to be a part of this great team bringing hope to those in need.

Together we can impact change, bring hope and create a healthy, stronger community. I am grateful to call United Way of Haldimand and Norfolk my new home. ■

Helping Kids Be All that They Can Be...



Stuff the Bus

This fall season started with our first ever **Stuff the Bus** schools supplies campaign. Donated school supplies filled our bright yellow school bus



Brittany Burley, Executive Director of United Way of Haldimand and Norfolk, organizing donated supplies.

boxes located in our partner stores: Superstore (Simcoe), Zehrs (Caledonia) and Giant Tiger (Hagersville and Dunnville). With the help of generous community members from across Norfolk and Haldimand we were able to collect over 8,000 items for kids in need. Delivering the knapsacks full of supplies was an experience we will never forget.

We are blown away by the generosity of our local communities through the United Way of Haldimand and Norfolk Stuff the Bus campaign!!! Your donations will help so many students through the year. Thank you.

-Valley Heights Secondary School

Day of Caring with Libro Credit Union - August 16

We teamed up with Libro Credit Union working hard to beautify the sensory garden at the



Haldimand Abilities Centre. After a full morning of weed pulling, hedge trimming, painting picnic tables, and more, the change was impressive. The sensory garden supports the needs of people with dementia, vision loss and brain injury. It has great therapeutic and education benefits and is helpful for dealing with disabilities that affect sensory responses. They also grow their own vegetables and herbs that they use in meals for their clients.

To participate in a **Day of Caring**, contact Brittany Burley, Executive Director, United Way of Haldimand and Norfolk

519-426-5660 or brittanyburley@unitedwayhn.on.ca

Your United Way Dollars at Work...



Our campaign goal this year is \$375,000. With your help we currently support 12 local agencies and over 12,500 people who use their services. With your generous giving we would like to be able to support more of those agencies who are on the front lines in this community, providing hope to children, adults, and families in need.

What we raise here, stays here! Together, we can all make a difference in the lives of our neighbours.

All that kids can be.

Healthy people, strong communities.

From poverty to possibility.

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