

United Way to fund to 21 agencies

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"These companies are great examples of community supporters and continue to portray exceptional social responsibility," said Foster.

Each year, there is an increase in the number of Holiday House Tour tickets sold and the amount has doubled in recent years.

"We are fortunate to have the support of so many people for this wonderful event, including local decorators who donate time and talent, homeowners in our community who are willing to showcase their homes and a fabulous crew of volunteers that help out year after year to ensure the success of the house tour," said Foster.

She said once again local residents who work outside Halton Hills have shown their commitment to their community by pledging their donation to come back to UWHH.

"These designated funds comprise about 40% of our annual campaign funds, and we would like to acknowledge their loyalty to the phrase Give Where You Live," said Foster.

Agencies receiving funding include Acclaim Health— Friendly Visiting

Program, Community Living North Halton Drop In— Friday Friends and Saturday Centres, Links2Care — Youth Centres and Community Support Program, Literacy North Halton – Read, Spell, Write program and St. John Ambulance — Therapy Dogs program.

Food 4 Kids is a new agency that was funded. The program provides backpacks of healthy food for kids with limited or no food on weekends. Packages of healthy foods are prepared by volunteers and delivered to schools each Friday during the school year.

"Living in a growing community means the needs grow with it. Each year we receive funding requests that cannot be granted. However, trained volunteers make funding decisions on behalf of their fellow citizens to ensure the allocated funds go where they are needed most," said Foster.

"Through needs assessments and a rigorous application process, United Way Halton Hills is serving its donors in a responsible manner. Thank you to everyone who supported the 2013 Campaign" she said.



April's Business of the Month was announced by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce earlier this week and the Halton Pool Guys were the recipients. Pictured above (kneeling, from left) are: Chris Nesbitt, Richel Bernal. Back row: Mike Nesbitt, April Nesbitt, Bob Nesbitt, Anne Anderson, Norm Paget of the Chamber of Commerce, Pool Guys Roman Ilekys, Sean Hannan.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Frost quake damage to keep Pool Guys busy

The Georgetown-based Halton Pool Guys was selected as the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month for April.

In business since 1996, the family-owned and operated business specializes in new in-ground vinyl pool construction, concrete and vinyl pool repairs, renovations and designs, along with full-service landscaping.

Pool Guys' owner Bob Nesbitt said he expects to have a busy spring ahead due to the severe winter and "frost quakes" that accompanied a deep freeze not seen in these parts in nearly 20 years, causing the ground to swell and concrete to crack.

Nesbitt added that more than half of his business comes through referrals.

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