

# Committees consider requests for United Way funding

Have you ever wondered how the United Way of Halton Hills determines which agencies to fund, and at what level of financial support?

It's not a matter of drawing names and figures out of a hat. Instead, it's a team effort involving volunteers from the United Way's Allocations Committee, and a community group called the Citizens Review Panel.

Each Citizens Review Panel consists of three or four individuals responsible for carrying out a thorough, in depth review of one or more agencies. These agencies may be existing United Way members, or new organizations seeking funding and support.

According to John Oliver, president of the United Way of Halton Hills, "The Citizens Review process is community-focused and community-driven. This means Halton Hills residents' benefit from programs and services that meet the unique needs of this community."

The United Way of Halton Hills funds 23 member and partner agencies. In turn, these organizations provide emergency and crisis assistance, senior and family/child services, health and rehabilitation. In 1993, United Way agencies served over 15,000 Halton Hills' residents.

Earlier this year, eight agencies came under review process. While many of the panels carried out independent reviews, others were involved in joint sessions with United Ways in Milton and Oakville. In every case, the Citizens Review Panels included financial experts from the community.

The duties of each panel included meeting agency staff and volunteers to review the organization's programs, financial statements, and determine if Halton Hills clients were being well-served. As well, other key issues were examined such as:

Is the agency making the most effective use of United Way funding?

Is the financial support adequate?

Is the service important to the well being of this community, and would the Halton Hills community be at a loss without the service/program, and funding from the United Way?

Based on the analyses of each panel, the United Way's Allocations Committee carefully examined the recommendations, and then presented a summary report to the Board of Directors.

Input from the Citizens Review Panel was instrumental in the board's final decision which, this year, resulted in an allocation of \$178,200 to United Way agencies.

The United Way's Allocations Committee and Citizens Review Panel included:

Allocations Committee: Jim Lindsay; Chair, John Gibson, Janet Goy, Tom Kilmer, Bev McKee, Dave Whiting.

Citizens Review Panel: Bob Boughton, Laurie Burns, Lorne Campbell, Brian Clark, Dan Costea, Dan Dolliver, Janet Duval, Trudy Edwards, Marlene Forbes, Patti McLaren, Lois McClure, Frank Morette, Jim Newcombe, Monique Porlier, Pam Sargeant.

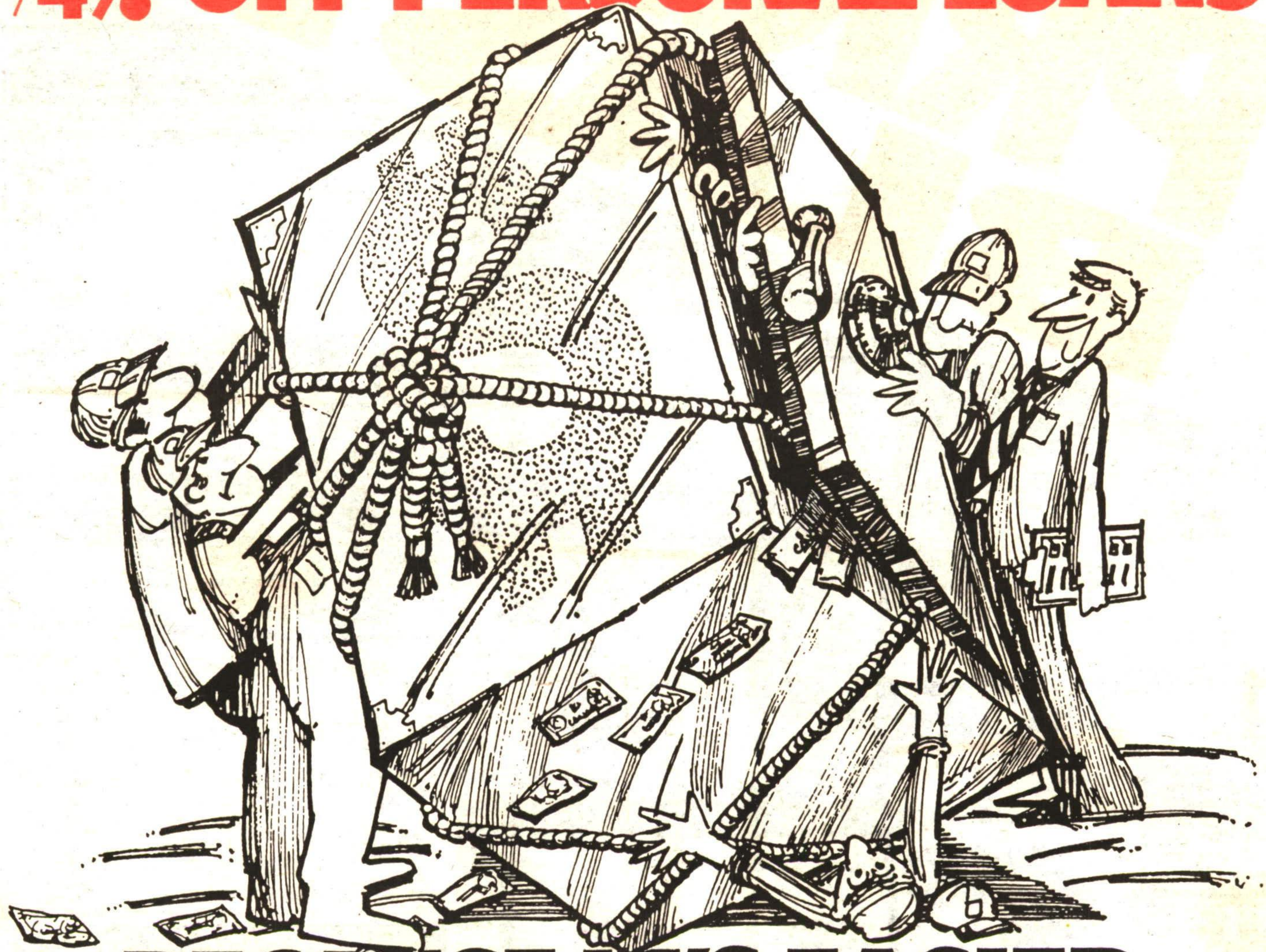
"The United Way of Halton Hills would like to thank the members of the Citizens Review Panel for their participation. This input greatly contributed to the success of the 1994 review process," adds Oliver.



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