

# OPINION

## United we all benefit

The United Way of Halton Hills is aiming to raise \$400,000 this year.

When you look at the big picture— it's a lofty goal. But break it down into smaller parts, and it can be achieved— it's true that every dollar counts.

The goal is up from last year's target of \$370,000.

United Way Executive Director Janet Foster said that's because "our community continues to grow and the needs also grow." She said money raised stays local to fund programs that change lives here.

"The programs that are run by the funded agencies are used by one in three residents in our community," said Foster.

United Way of Halton Hills funds 21 agencies delivering 28 programs locally, such as providing grief support to a child, a mentor for a little brother or sister, additional support for a senior, or nutritious food to a family to help them make ends meet.

"The United Way relies on the generosity of our community residents and our local business donors— they are the real champions of change," said Foster. "With your help and commitment to making Halton Hills a caring community we can achieve our goal."

Donations can be made through the United Way Halton Hills website [www.unitedwayofhaltonhills.ca](http://www.unitedwayofhaltonhills.ca) or by contacting the United Way office at 905-877-3066.

Foster reminds residents who work outside of Halton Hills for a company that has a United Way Campaign, to make sure "to give where you live and designate your donations back to Halton Hills!"

Together, we can make a difference.

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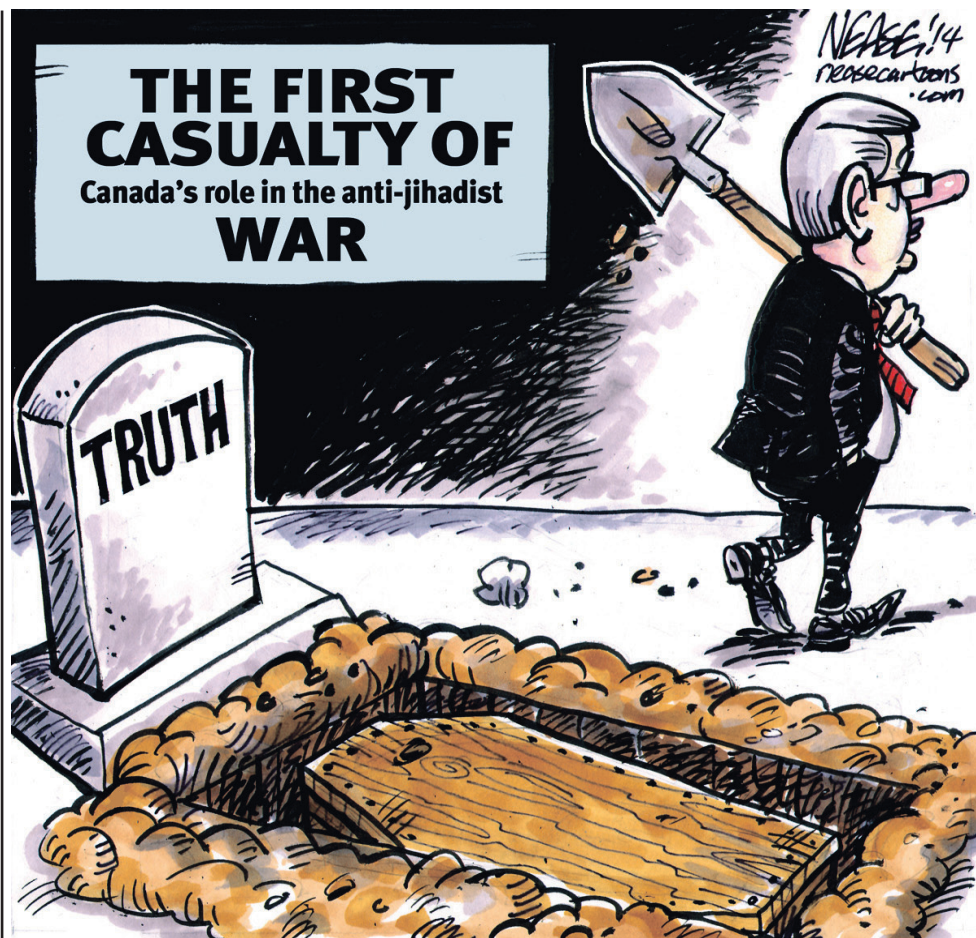
The United Way of Halton Hills has set its highest campaign goal ever— at \$400,000. Do you contribute through a company program?

- Yes (25%)
- No (75%)

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## Letters to the editor

### How sweet it was

The CBC evening news on Sept. 17 had a report that artificial sweeteners were very bad for your health.

So what went wrong?

After years of ignoring the videos, reports about aspartame, and all artificial sweeteners, why would the CBC finally tell the truth about these dangerous products?

I have no idea, but one could ask why Health Canada thinks they are great, and tells people with diabetes to use them instead of sugar.

I wonder who pays for that illusion.

Your guess is as good as mine.

It would be nice if Health Canada did its job, and protect us from some of this terrible stuff.

John Shadbolt,  
Acton

### Feline isn't suffering now

Today as I walked my dog with my husband at Cedarville Park we came across an injured cat.

He/she had been laying in the grass for a long time. I bundled it up and took it to the Georgetown Animal Clinic.

They did a scan of the cat to see if it had a microchip, which it did not. They examined the cat and said it was in very bad shape.

They told me that they were going to put it down.

This cat was an older tabby cat. So to anyone who has lost their pet cat he is not suffering any longer.

Kelly Horwood,  
Georgetown

### Thanks a lot

Re: Airport noise is ruining this town, Letters.

I want to take the time to publicly

thank Mayor Rick Bonnette for his help with a recent issue. Turns out the GTAA has seen a sharp spike in noise complaints since they made some minor adjustments.

When contacted about this issue, Mayor Bonnette responded to my emails quickly and provided any and all information I required. He has also kept in touch on an ongoing basis. Even though this is not a town issue (more federal), he stayed connected.

I also want to recognize Michael Chong, MP for Wellington Halton-Hills, who called me personally to discuss this issue.

Kathryn Gennatos,  
Halton Hills

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