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## ... Lend Me Your Ears

### COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT TINNITUS - PART 2 DO WE KNOW WHAT TINNITUS IS?

The actual cause or event or mechanism of Tinnitus is not known. We know it is real; it is a symptom that something is wrong in the auditory system, but we do not know what that something is. We do know that it is not the patients imagination; it is a physiological or neurological event. There is reason to be hopeful because current research using a Tinnitus model may provide the necessary information for identifying its cause.

#### IS IT ASSOCIATED WITH HEARING LOSS?

In most cases, Tinnitus is associated with some hearing loss. For example, those who have been exposed to excessively loud sounds may have a hearing loss for the high pitched tones. Usually their Tinnitus will be located as a high pitched tone in the region of the hearing loss. In some cases Tinnitus is present where there is no hearing loss and for no discernable reason. For more information feel free to call...

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## NEWS

# UNITED WAY SETS \$11.4M FUNDRAISING GOAL

United Way Halton and Hamilton (UWHH) launched its annual fundraising campaign with a goal of \$11.4 million.

Last year, UWHH supported 106 community programs across Halton and Hamilton. Over the past year, 43 per cent of those programs saw an increase in demand and 49 per cent have a wait list.

"The rising cost of living is making it very difficult for far too many of our friends, families and neighbours to meet their basic needs," said Brad Park, UWHH president and CEO. "The past two and a half years have been exceptionally challenging and these economic pressures, along with waiting lists for services, are compounding already complex issues."

UWHH is anticipating even more people needing help in the year ahead, especially to cope with the rising cost of providing basic



United Way Halton and Hamilton photo

United Way Halton and Hamilton launched its annual fundraising campaign at Halton Hills Town Hall with a goal of \$11.4 million. UWHH helps fund 106 community programs.

needs.

The social and economic impacts of rising inflation rates and the cost of living are putting additional strain on community members, especially people who were already experiencing inequities, including poverty, homelessness, social isolation and mental health challenges.

United Way-funded programs supported 205,311 people across Halton and Hamilton last year.

"Your United Way is the backbone of an essential network of community supports," Park said, "the multiple agencies that work together, providing crucial services that so many people rely on for their health and safety."

Services are needed across the region. UWHH provided the following statistics:

In Halton Hills, approximately one in four students in high school say they have

been called hateful names or have been subjected to harmful comments. Studies have linked bullying to several health issues, including substance abuse, aggression, decreased mental health and suicide.

"Our community rallied in remarkable ways during the past two and half years. And we will continue driving that collective momentum forward," Park said. "It will take courage and commitment to continue tackling both new and systemic challenges."

The campaign kicks off with its signature event, Walk This Way. Teams are encouraged walk, hike, bike or stroll toward a collective goal of 205,311 minutes, to represent the number of people helped by United Way-supported programs. The walk is aiming to raise \$75,000.

"We know that we are stronger when we stand together and work toward building a better community for all," said campaign chair Ryan Packer.

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