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At North Halton Golf Club

United Way kickoff luncheon set for Wednesday

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veryone is invited to attend The United Way of Halton Hills Lampaign kickoff luncheon at North Halton Golf and Country Club this Wednesday.

Cost per person is \$22, and a portion of that goes to the United Way.

Kathleen Hayward, executive director of the United Way of Halton Hills, said the need for donations is greater than ever.

"There has been a great deal of reduced government funding and there will be more as government continues to pull out support," said Hayward. "If we want these

services we are going to have to pay for them. We have to raise more money than we have before."

This year Russ Miller is east (Georgetown) campaign chair and Elly Tuitman is chair for the west (Acton). Canvassers are urgently needed to cover both areas during the month of October. Volunteers would only have to make a twohour commitment.

Halton Hills United Way funds 19 different agencies that provide about 50 different services in the community.

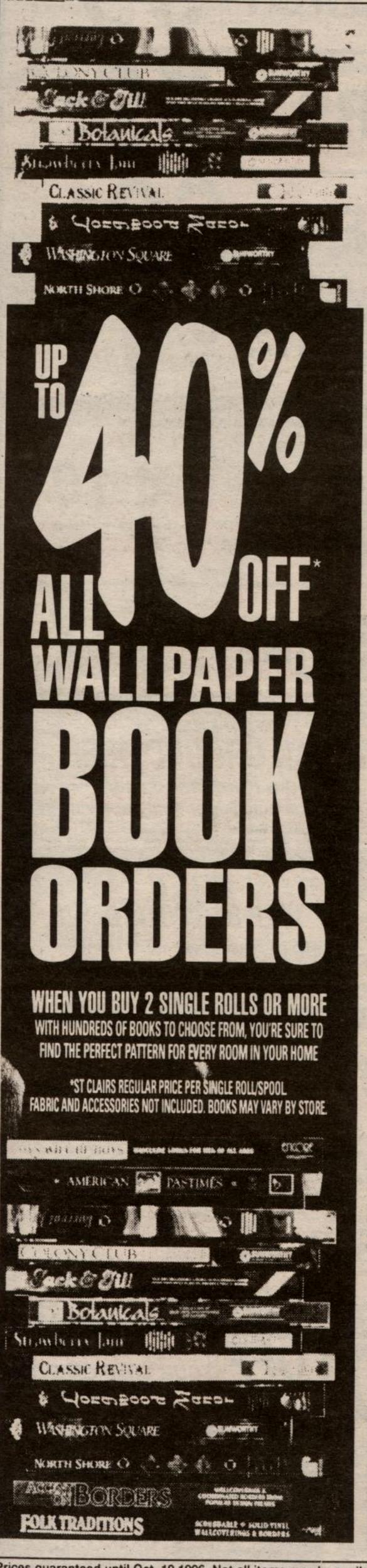
Among those receiving United Way support are Halton Helping Hands, Victorian Order of Nurses, North Halton Distress and Information Centre, North Halton Literacy Guild and North Halton

YMCA.

Hayward said the Open Door Youth Centre, which receives United Way funding, is a perfect example of an agency that has been hit hard by provincial cuts. Government funding for the centre's teen drop-in program has been eliminated.

Hayward would not reveal this year's campaign goal as it will be announced at Wednesday's luncheon. Last year's campaign netted the United Way \$199,000, or 95 per cent of its goal.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon, which will begin with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and presentations at noon, should call Hayward at 877-3066. Interested volunteer canvassers should also call that number.





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