

United Way campaign officials stress that residents 'give where you live'

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United Way of Halton Hills campaign chair Chris Cooke (left) and executive director Janet Foster, were joined by Prosperity One Acton Branch manager Samantha D'Orzio and Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette as they kicked off the campaign that will be aided by both the Georgetown and Acton branch of Prosperity One. From now until November 30, anyone wishing to donate to the United Way of Halton Hills can simply drop their donations off at either Prosperity One branch, and it will go directly to the campaign. This year's target is \$275,000. *Photo by Ted Brown*

Seven area homes professionally decorated for the Christmas season will be featured.

Anyone interested in more information on United Way, launching a workplace campaign or purchasing tickets for the Holiday House Tour is asked to call the United Way office at 905-877-3066.

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"Give where you live."

That's the message United Way of Halton Hills executive director Janet Foster wants to get out to area residents during the 2007 United Way campaign that got under way in September.

"People who work outside of Halton Hills can direct their United Way payroll designation through their workplace to come back to their local United Way," said Foster. "Residents are urged to 'give where you live'. All money raised in Halton Hills stays in Halton Hills."

The United Way has set a goal of \$275,000 for this year's campaign. A total of \$14,000 was raised for the United Way at the Annual President's Ball in September.

"This is a very realistic and achievable goal for the community of Halton Hills," said Campaign Chair Chris Cooke. "With the help of area residents and local businesses, we will meet or surpass our goal for 2007."

United Way of Halton Hills currently funds 17 local agencies, offering programs and services to children, youth, adults, families, seniors and people with disabilities.

In a few weeks Halton Hills residents will receive a United Way brochure in the mail.

The brochure will include a donation form and envelope all in one.

"All that residents have to do is make their donation, fold back the pledge form, tape it shut and mail it in," said Foster.

She said this year Prosperity One is offering to take donation cheques from residents in Acton and Georgetown for the United Way of Halton Hills campaign.

Residents can drop off their donation cheques at either branch in Halton Hills until the end of November, rather than sending it in the mail.

The United Way also encourages area businesses to hold workplace campaigns.

The organization's next fundraiser is The Holiday House Tour Sat. Nov. 24. Tickets are \$25 per person.

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