

# United Way campaign gets off to strong start

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The 2000 campaign for the United Way of Milton is off to a great start.

The organization kicked off its annual fundraising drive with a golf tournament at Granite Ridge Golf Club September 19. About 90 golfers took part and generated \$19,000 for the cause, said Anne Eadie, executive director of the United Way of Milton.

This year, the local chapter hopes to raise \$280,000, which will benefit about 25 organizations throughout Halton Region.

Groups such as the Big Sisters of North Halton, the Learning Disabilities Association, the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre use the money to help people in the community.

"Half the people in Milton were served by United Way funded agencies," she

said.

People can help the United Way in several ways including the payroll deduction program.

Through this program, a specific amount of money is automatically deducted from a person's paycheque and is given to the United Way.

People who work out of town can specify that their deduction goes to the Milton chapter rather than to the city where they work, Ms Eadie explained.

For the second year in a row, the United Way is soliciting funds through direct mailing rather than a door-to-door campaign.

The first mailing went out in mid-September, with the second one going out October 27. The response from this fundraising method has been positive, Ms Eadie said.

The United Way is also hosting a number of events to raise funds.

People can attend the 11th annual dinner and auction at Granite Ridge Golf Club October 20.

A \$45 ticket includes a four-course meal, entertainment from Men to Boys and a silent and live auction.

The second event is the Christmas

House Tour that is set to take place November 18. There are six homes on the tour that will be professionally decorated. Tickets are \$15.

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Representatives from the Town of Milton as well as a consultant from EDA Collaborative Inc., will pose questions regarding the possibilities of the facilities that may include a new or expanded

main library, a new or expanded town hall and an arts and cultural centre.

The role of EDA Collaborative — that was hired by the town — is to create a plan for the development of all three facilities.

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