

# United Way misses target

*But total raised still viewed as positive*

The United Way of Milton didn't reach its goal for the recently-concluded 2008 campaign, but volunteers are viewing the \$610,000 it did raise positively in light of the difficult economic times.

The campaign fell short of its goal by about \$20,000.

But the organization's appreciation to the people of Milton is as great as ever.

"The people of Milton are absolutely amazing," said Lesley Mansfield, president of the United Way of Milton. "When we announced our

target of \$630,000 early in September, the economy was showing signs of stress but as the months went by and conditions worsened beyond many expectations, we knew we were in for a tough campaign."

The most significant shortfall came from payroll designations from residents who work out of town.

Not quite reaching its goal means the United Way of Milton will be able to meet most but maybe not all the needs of the agencies it serv-

ices, Mansfield said; it could face some difficult decisions on where to cut some corners.

Staff is looking at every aspect of its administration to ensure operating expenses are kept to a minimum, Mansfield added.

Nevertheless, funds raised in this campaign surpass the 2007 campaign achievement by almost \$1,500.

"To say that Milton came through is an understatement," said campaign chair and Milton councillor Wendy Schau.

# School board calendar not yet official

While both the Halton Catholic and public school boards approved a school schedule that will start before the Labour Day weekend, it's not official just yet.

There's one step left before the schedule is implemented. The Ministry of Education needs to approve the schedule.

Burlington MPP and Conservative Education Critic Joyce Savoline has heard a number of complaints and stands with the parents who are outraged about the schedule that could interfere with families who have already booked their summer vacation plans.

"This is a little late to be changing plans," Savoline said. "Being on summer holiday

until Labour Day is something we've counted on for years."

Every year, after a school board approves a schedule, it goes to the Ministry of Education for confirmation. The deadline for ministry approval is May 31.

If a calendar isn't approved, it's returned to the school board, which must approve a revised schedule.

Halton residents with concerns about their school board's approved calendar for the 2009-10 school year can e-mail Education Minister Kathleen Wynne at [kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org](mailto:kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org) or Savoline at [joyce.savoline@pc.ola.org](mailto:joyce.savoline@pc.ola.org).



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