

Argo football fundraiser helps United Way stay on target

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Fast approaching the quarter mark, the United Way of York Region is on track to meet its \$7.25-million campaign goal, CEO Rahul Bhardwaj said.

"So far, so good," he said. "We're tracking as we were last year. We're always pleased and impressed with the community support we get."

The campaign total is at \$1.59 million, about 22 per cent of the goal.

One of the biggest events of the campaign is the Toronto Argonauts fundraising game Oct. 27. For this game, which matches the team against the Hamilton Tiger Cats, fans can buy group tickets at a reduced rate.

The game at the Rogers Centre begins at 7:30 p.m. The deadline for ordering tickets is tomorrow.

"This is a big game between the Argos and the Ti-Cats and \$5 of each ticket goes to the United Way," Mr. Bhardwaj said.



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Also on that day, the charity, which funds 37 social service agencies, holds its fall Day of Caring. Held twice a year, it is a time when employees of supporting businesses visit a United Way agency to work on a project such as painting an office or cleaning up a yard.

Some new activities are planned this year.

One is a workshop, organized by the Toronto Chinese Community Services Association, to teach newly settled

Canadians to play floor hockey. "They're going to be able to understand a little more about Canadian culture," Mr. Bhardwaj said. "It may be a small thing to some people, but it is such an acclimatization issue to a lot of people. So, they'll feel a little more connected."

Newmarket's Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region, which runs three area shelters, is hosting a cooking contest. Volunteers there are preparing frozen dinners for residents.

"So, when they leave, they will have had some fun doing it and the benefits of their work will be felt for a long time," marketing director Bernie Sutton Robertson said.

For information about the Argos game, call Allan McNinch 416-341-2717 or Ms Sutton at 905-474-9974, ext. 231.

For more information on the campaign, call 905-474-9974 or 1-877-241-4516 (toll-free) or visit www.unitedway.yorkregion.com



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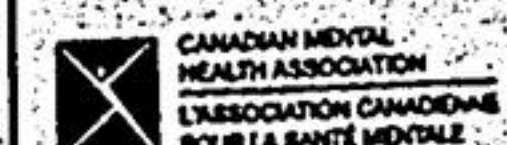
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