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Victims of crime, homeless get help from United Way

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The United Way of York Region is investing \$290,000 to expand programs.

The cash goes to nine member agencies to help provide counselling and emergency programs for homeless families and people in crisis.

"The dollars are already at work in neighbourhoods like this across York Region," chief executive officer Daniele Zanotti said outside his Woodbridge home, the site of yesterday's media conference.

The money comes from the organization's 2006 fundraising campaign.

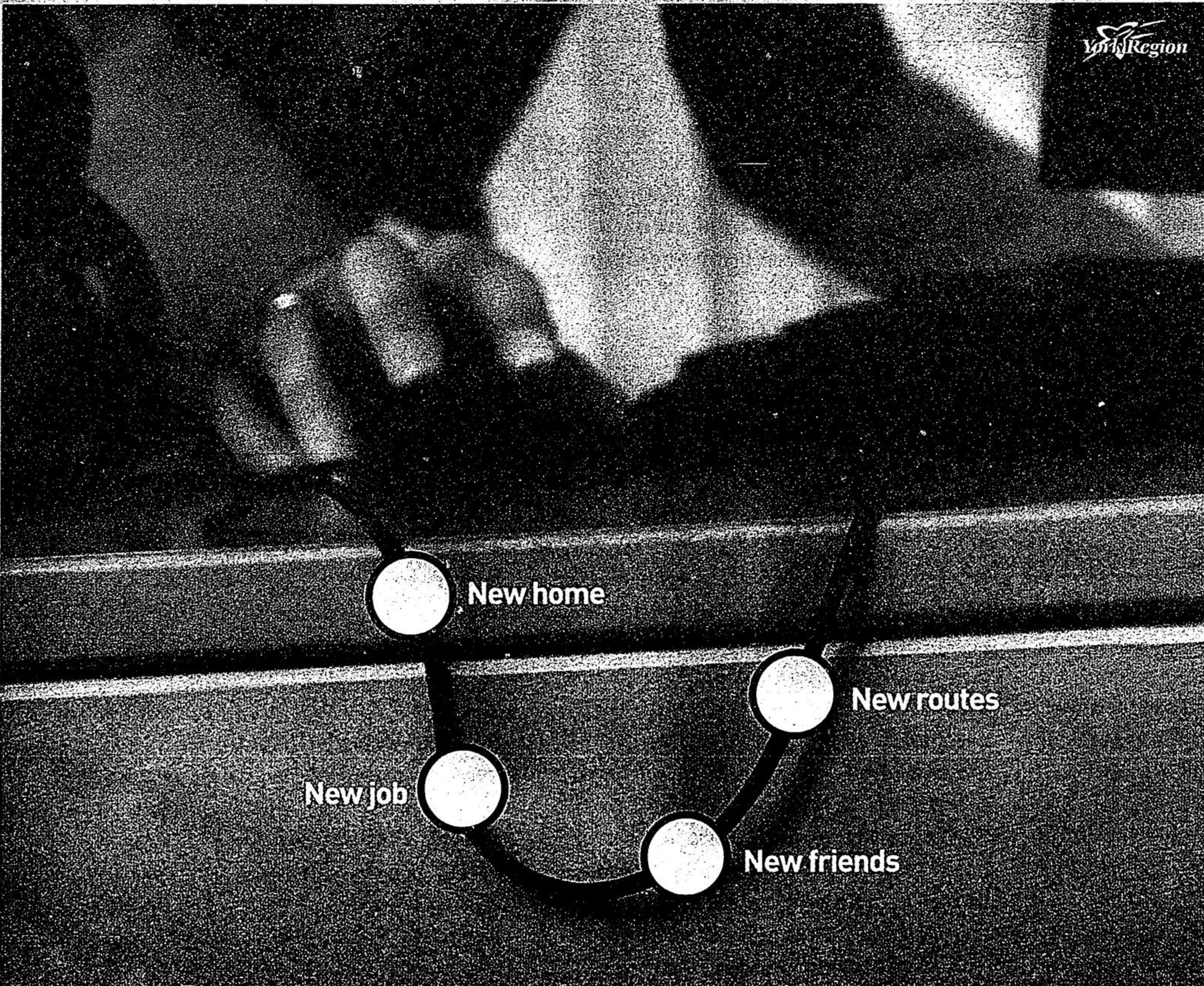
Victim Services of York Region Inc. received \$43,000 to expand 24-hour crisis support. The agency works with police to help victims of crime, tragedy and other crises.

The money also helps police, said Paul Pedersen, inspector with the York Regional Police community services branch.

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"It allows us to move forward with complex investigations, confident victims get appropriate support," he said. Other funding recipients include:

- The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families received \$45,000 to expand its community outreach program;
- Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region received \$40,000 to expand its family shelter program;
- Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region branch received close to \$28,000 for a new family education program;
- Family Services York Region received \$24,600 to expand its South Asian outreach project;
- Literacy Council York-Simcoe received \$10,000 to fund a volunteer and donor management system;
- Catholic Community Services of York Region received \$14,500 to provide counselling in Georgina;
- Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association received \$30,000 to launch a Chinese elderly abuse prevention program and;
- Chinese Family Services of Ontario received \$50,000 to provide counselling to Mandarin-speaking newcomers dealing with issues such as domestic violence.



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