

# Campaign halfway to \$9M goal

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The United Way is nearly halfway to its fundraising goal and it wants your help to go all the way.

"Reaching the campaign goal could mean a person not having to travel six hours to get to an appointment for a mental health group," United Way of York Region chief executive officer Daniele Zanotti said.

"Raising \$9 million means people should be able to access services close to home."

Social services in York are so spread out, victims of domestic violence, people with mental illness or other users of programs and groups funded by the agency often travel great distances to get help, Mr. Zanotti said.

"York Region is traditionally considered healthy, wealthy and wise. Yet, within our remarkable region, we have a swelling and sprawled social safety net," he said.

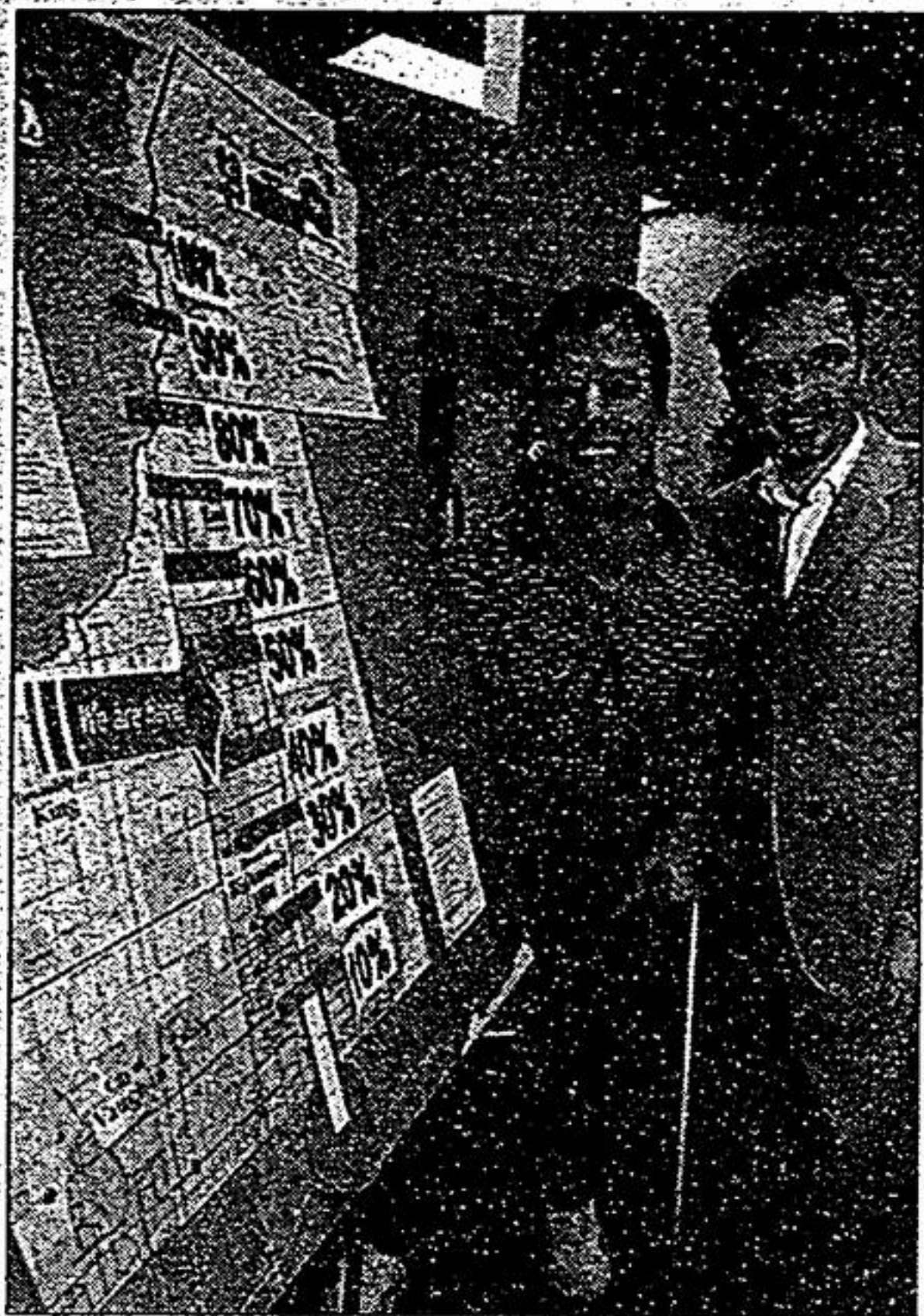
Through funding member agencies, the United Way supports people with mental health challenges, provides

services for immigrants, helps prevent domestic violence, promotes literacy and addresses affordable housing and homelessness. Corporate and community leaders met Friday to assess the organization's fundraising campaign.

Individual and corporate donors have given \$4.09 million so far. That's \$1 million more than was raised at the same point in last year's campaign. This year's drive ends in December.

"If we don't continue to hit targets, our ability to provide services is at risk," he said.

Kevin Greenfield (left) of Community Living York South and York Region United Way chief executive officer Daniele Zanotti celebrate the agency passing the \$4 million mark in its \$9 million fundraising campaign. The campaign ends in December.



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## TRANSPORTATION and WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATES 2nd Round of Public Consultation Centres

As part of our Water & Wastewater and Transportation Master Plan update studies, the Regional Municipality of York will be hosting a second round of Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) to ask members of the public for their input.

The upcoming PCCs, held concurrently for both master plan update studies, will give attendees an opportunity to review information received to-date, including our Sustainability Principles, Evaluation Criteria, and Preliminary Findings.

Those interested in providing input and commenting on the master plan updates may attend one of the following sessions:

Dates & Locations	Agenda
Tuesday, November 6, 2007 Town of East Gwillimbury, Civic Centre, Council Chambers 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon	6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Open House 7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Presentation 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Facilitated Discussions
Thursday, November 15, 2007 Town of Markham Civic Centre, Council Chambers 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham	
Wednesday, November 21, 2007 King City Community Centre, 2nd Level, Auditorium 25 Doctors Lane, King City	

As part of the process, York Region will also be consulting with local municipalities, conservation authorities, and other stakeholders. Except for personal information, all received comments will be on public record.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above-mentioned studies, or if you wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

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Information about both master plan updates is available at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)



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