



United Way
of Peel Region

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Volunteers come out for United Way's Spring *Day of Caring*[™]

(May 14, 2009) — Today 118 employees from 17 organizations across Peel made a difference in our community by participating in United Way of Peel Region's spring *Day of Caring*[™]. Collectively they volunteered more than 700 hours to complete 27 different projects at 12 local United Way-funded agencies.

The spring *Day of Caring*[™], sponsored by Edward Jones, is an opportunity for employees to experience firsthand how their contributions support our community and learn more about the programs and services that United Way funds. Volunteers armed with paint brushes, shovels and rubber gloves worked on a variety of projects including helping out at the food bank, doing yard work, painting, gardening, spring clean up, and office duties.

"Day of Caring promotes volunteerism and provides a unique opportunity for employees to learn more about community issues and play a direct role in community building," explains Shelley White, United Way CEO. "It's tremendously rewarding for employees and it saves agency resources by undertaking projects that otherwise may not have been completed."

The following companies sent volunteers: Bell, E.I. duPont, Edward Jones, GE Canada, General Mills, Hewlett-Packard (Canada) Co., IAPA, Ikon Office Solutions Inc., Montship, Mettler –Toledo, Praxair, Purolator, Region of Peel, Ricoh, The Pepsi Bottling Group (Canada) Co., UPS and Wells Fargo Financial Corporation.

Paint and related supplies were donated by the Brampton North Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and Pizza Nova provided a pizza lunch for Day of Caring volunteer groups of 8 or more.

Participating agencies were: African Community Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Brampton Caledon Community Living, Caledon Community Services, Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel- Halton, Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program, Interim Place, John Howard Society, Our Place Peel, Telecare Distress Centre and YMCA of Greater Toronto.

United Way of Peel's fall *Day of Caring*[™] is October 22. For more information on how to participate in Day of Caring visit www.unitedwaypeel.org

The mission of United Way of Peel Region is to engage with our community, through partnerships, to ensure people are cared for, connected and included.

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