



United Way
of Peel Region

United Way launches professional development series for emerging leaders

Mississauga (Sept. 9, 2010) – United Way of Peel Region’s Young Leaders Council (YLC) today launched a new program to equip emerging leaders with the knowledge and skills required to make a positive impact in their communities. *Step Up & Learn* is a six-part professional development series featuring workshops on public speaking, communications, negotiation, team building, professional image and networking.

“The Young Leaders Council is excited to offer the *Step Up & Learn* series to cater to the growing need for leadership skills development for the next generation of leaders,” said Raj Venkataraman, Executive Member of the YLC. “The focused training sessions will help develop personal and professional presence. This is a great opportunity for emerging leaders to learn essential skills, network with peers and discover their abilities outside their normal realm of work or school. We hope that these training sessions will be a foundation for creating a lasting impact in their personal and professional lives and the community.”

United Way is working to prepare emerging leaders for success in their professional lives and in their roles as leaders in Peel Region. The Young Leaders Council is a group of volunteers aged 20-35 who are dedicated to creating a legacy of spirited giving and volunteerism within our community.

The skills development workshops will expand and develop professional skills through targeted hands-on sessions. The monthly workshops are open to individuals aged 20 to 35 years and will be led by Michelle Manglal-Lan, a facilitator with more than 15 years of leadership experience in multiple industries in both operations and corporate environments. Individuals can register for one or all six workshops at www.unitedwaypeel.org. Registration for each workshop closes at 12:00 p.m. on the day of the workshop.

Each workshop costs \$15 and takes place from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, One Robert Speck Parkway, Suite 1100, Mississauga. Participants will receive a participation letter for each workshop they attend and a certificate for attending the entire series. The following workshops are being offered:

Public Speaking – September 28
Communications – October 20
Negotiations – November 17
Team Building – January 19, 2011
Professional Image – February 16, 2011
Networking – March 15, 2011

About United Way

Established in 1967, United Way of Peel Region serves the communities of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. Through its Community Fund, United Way invests in services, programs and initiatives that develop resilient people, grow strong families, and build vibrant neighbourhoods and communities. 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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