

United we make an impact.

United Way of Peel Region is making a big difference in the lives of individuals and families living in Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon. Together with the Region of Peel, United Way is *investing in our future* – building resilience in individuals, families, neighbourhoods and entire communities.

In 2010, approximately 410,000 people accessed services, programs and initiatives supported by United Way.



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United we can be resilient

The Need	Our Impact
<p>Assisting people who are vulnerable to abuse, especially women and children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In recent years, domestic abuse in Peel Region has risen by almost 40%. 1 in 6 pregnant women are abused during pregnancy, of these, about 18% will suffer a miscarriage or other internal injuries. Children who witness family violence often show increased rates of depression, aggression, delinquency, and other emotional problems. In 2008, Peel Children’s Aid served 5,862 families in Peel and investigated 4,781 reports of child abuse and neglect. 	<p>Provided shelter, counselling and support to 17,385* women who have been abused and their children, helping them to begin new lives free from violence.</p>
<p>Supporting individuals with disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 171,030 Peel residents (1 in 7) are living with a disability. More than 8,200 children aged 9 and under have a disability. 	<p>Assisted 24,926* adults, youth and children with disabilities to live independently, gain employment skills and stay engaged in the community.</p>
<p>Supporting seniors to be healthy and live independently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2007 Peel had over 112,622 seniors. The growth rate in this age group is the highest in the province. As many as 1 in 10 seniors are victims of abuse. In most cases their abuser is someone close to them. 	<p>Enabled 1,914* seniors to reduce their isolation through a variety of social supports, helping them to maintain their independence.</p>
<p>Supporting people affected by mental health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 % of Peel’s population will experience a serious mental illness or substance abuse issue in their lifetime 18% of Peel children aged 1-17 years, suffer from a diagnosable psychiatric illness. 85% of people with a serious mental illness are unemployed and many lack safe, affordable housing. 	<p>Connected 26,358* individuals with mental illness to counselling, support and skills training, helping them to increase their self esteem, life skills and employment opportunities.</p>



United we can **have strong families**

The Need

Empowering children and youth to reach their full potential

- More than 160,000 youth live in Peel.
- Close to one-third of Peel children entering senior kindergarten are developmentally vulnerable and are not ready to learn when they start kindergarten.
- There are 41,350 lone-parent families in Peel. Female-headed lone-parent families are at greater risk for falling into poverty.
- In 2008 more than 1,000 young persons in Peel were charged with violent crimes.

Supporting newcomers and immigrants to fully participate in community life

- Nearly half (49%) of Peel's population are immigrants, the second-highest proportion in Canada after Toronto. Of the approximately 100 people that move to Peel each day, 65 are newcomers.
- 33% of recent immigrants live in poverty.
- Newcomers earn about 40 per cent less than their Canadian-born counterparts.
- 43% of recent newcomers hold a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- About 60% of newcomers do not work in the same occupational field as they did before coming to Canada.

Our Impact

Helped 24,627* children and youth increase their social skills, self esteem and leadership abilities, putting them on the path to future success.

Research shows that a dollar invested in the development of young children means future savings of \$17 in education, health care, social services, unemployment and the justice system.

Provided referrals to community resources, employment mentoring, cultural orientation and help in finding work for 44,649* newcomers and immigrants, enabling them to settle and integrate in their new country.

United we can **create more vibrant communities**



The Need

Priority: Reducing poverty, eliminating hunger, and ensuring people have access to affordable housing

- Peel's annual average unemployment rate jumped from 6.6% in 2008 to 13.17% in 2010.
- 1 in 7 people in Peel live in poverty.
- 1 in 5 children in Peel under age 6 live in poverty.
- 48% of new immigrant children under age 6 live in poverty.
- Peel has the longest waiting list for affordable housing in the province (13,500 households). For families applying today the wait can be 20 years.

Our Impact

Supplied food and basic necessities to 19,130* individuals, including children, who are homeless and/or living in poverty.

Research shows that every dollar invested strategically in addressing root causes saves between five and seven dollars in later costs to the community.

* Based on numbers provided by agencies. Individuals who have accessed services at multiple agencies may have been counted more than once.