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Day of Caring® Office Make-over an Overwhelming Success!

Barrie, ON, June 2, 2009 – Last weekend, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, the 400 Tactical Helicopter Squadron at CFB Borden, and United Way all come together to transform the Catholic Family Services offices.

Warrant Officer, Jim Portman, who organized the team from the Canadian Forces to fulfill the Catholic Family Life Services Day of Caring said “It was very meaningful for all who participated and a profound privilege to provide assistance to the staff of the Catholic Family Services Center. All of us from 400 Squadron were simply very happy that we could help. Heather and all of the people she works with were very grateful. It felt absolutely fantastic to know we made a difference for them.”

Heather Bebb, Executive Director of Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County added “What a difference a weekend makes! This past weekend 10 generous and hard working men from 400 Squadron rolled up their sleeves and rolled on the paint at our facility. With the donated labour, donated paint (thanks to Benjamin Moore and Tripp’s Paint and Decorating Shoppe in Midland), donated supplies (thanks to Rona) and donated pizza (thanks to Topper’s Pizza) the offices at 20 Bell Farm Road are looking a lot more cheery and welcoming. A great big Thank You to all for their support and generosity, we couldn’t have done it without you!”

We really feel well cared for by this United Way Day of Caring!”

In collaboration with their community partners, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County provide timely and responsive individual, couple and family counselling regardless of spiritual orientation or ability to pay.

Additionally:

- Day of Caring® was established to promote the spirit and value of volunteerism, increase the awareness of local human service agencies, and demonstrate what people working together for the community’s good can accomplish.
- Over 80% of funds donated to United Way of Greater Simcoe County are raised in the workplace, most through payroll deduction programs. More than 150 employers in Simcoe County support their community through United Way.

In 2008 United Way of Greater Simcoe County raised a record amount for local programs and services - \$1,400,000.

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