



For Immediate Release

**United Way announces their
2010 Spring Forum-an Overview of
Affordable Housing and Income Supports**

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Who: United Way of Greater Simcoe County and the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness

What: 2010 Spring Forum – An Overview of Affordable Housing and Income Supports

Where: Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy 26, Midhurst, ON.

When: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Please join United Way and the County of Simcoe as they present their annual Alliance to End Homelessness Forum. Topics to be covered and presenters include:

Affordable and Social Housing Update

County of Simcoe: Social Services Division – John Connell

Canadian Index of Wellbeing

County of Simcoe: Children and Community Services Department – Arfona Zwiers

Homelessness Presentation

Service Canada – Rachel Sullivan

Supportive Approaches through Innovative Learning (SAIL)

County of Simcoe: Social Services Division- Kelly Scott

Overview of Ontario Works

County of Simcoe: Ontario Works Department- Deborah Bronee

Overview of Ontario Disability Support Program

Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS)

Presentations will be followed by a question & answer opportunity. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. A special ‘thank you’ to the County of Simcoe for the generous contribution of lunch and break refreshments.

Please RSVP by May 19, 2010 to Karen: ap@unitedwaysimcoecounty.on.ca or 705-726-2301 Ext. 35.

Please direct questions or inquiries pertaining to the Forum to Trevor Lester @ 705-722-3700 ext 243

Photo Opportunity:

All media are invited to attend the Spring Forum at the Simcoe County Museum. Media will be provided with an opportunity for pictures and interviews.

Additionally:

- *United Way is the one of the largest non-government sources of social service funding in Simcoe County.*
- *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.*
- *United Way of Greater Simcoe County has been making a difference in our community for 50 years by assessing local needs and distributing resources to help those most in need.*



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