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## Lieutenant Governor presented awards at United Way of Greater Simcoe County Annual General Meeting

*For immediate release*

**Barrie, ON, Wednesday, June 25th, 2008** - United Way of Greater Simcoe County was delighted that the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was present to speak to the attendees about accessible communities and civic engagement at our Annual General Meeting, held at the Gibson Centre for Community, Arts and Culture in Alliston last evening. In addition His Honour presented our first annual Community Volunteer Leadership Awards during the ceremony, bestowing the Adult Leadership award to Kevin Lehman in recognition of his volunteerism in Ramara Township, the Student Leadership award to Audrey O'Brien in recognition of her volunteerism at Couchiching Jubilee House and the Youth Leadership award to Allison Bobbette in recognition for her volunteerism with Simcoe Community Servies.

Ms. Seija Suutari, Executive Director of the UWGSC, credits the award recipients because, "In addition to their regular involvement in volunteer activities, they go that extra mile to get involved in programs and activities that benefit the communities in which they live. They display leadership qualities such as initiative, creativity, dedication and have demonstrated a significant accomplishment in our sector. Having the Lieutenant Governor to present these well-deserved accolades highlighted the importance of social capital within our communities and was indeed an honour for our recipients"

- United Way has been effecting change in Greater Simcoe County for 48 years.
- Annually United Way funded agencies touch the lives of 1 in 3 people, which equates to more than 150,000 individuals in our community.
- Your support allows UWGSC to continue this important work and reach out to those most in need.
- *Please help us in our quest to build a better community.*

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