

OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino presents cheque to United Way of Greater Simcoe County's 2007 Campaign

Barrie, ON. December 20, 2007 - United Way of Greater Simcoe County (UWGSC) is pleased to announce that Julian Fantino, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police presented a cheque for \$40,000 to United Way of Greater Simcoe County towards their 2007 Campaign. Colonel Stewart Moore, Commander of Canadian Forces Base Borden, this year's UWGSC's Campaign Cabinet Chair was on hand to receive the donation. Mr. Glenn K. Fernandes, OPP Executive Lead for the 2007 Campaign presided as the Master of Ceremonies.

This year all OPP employees in Simcoe County contributed to the fundraising efforts and the OPP partnered with community groups to further their fundraising efforts. Activities included a Pasta Dinner with Madison County Foods and the Rotary Festival of Trees, a Jail 'n Bail with Lakehead University and a concert with Bleeker Ridge.

Commissioner Fantino in his speech stated "With the amount raised this year, we've reached a level of giving that will be meaningful to the very people we are helping. I am very proud of the wonderful and compassionate employees of the OPP for supporting the very community they live in."

"We are gratified to accept such a generous donation," said Seija Suutari, executive director for UWGSC. "The OPP has contributed to our campaign for twelve years and continues to demonstrate itself as a compassionate and caring **Leader of the Way**. We are proud to realize that when OPP supports their community through United Way, they help ensure a wide variety of needs are met - including services to help people who are abused and people who are addicted. It rescues families in distress and troubled children and youth. It provides a helping hand to the mentally ill, the terminally ill, and the people who care for them."

United Way has been making a difference in this community for 47 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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