



United Way
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Prince Edward

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United Way Hastings & Prince Edward Community Mural

Hastings & Prince Edward Counties, ON: The United Way HPE building located at 55 Harriet St. Is about to get an artistic facelift. Starting May 7, 2018 local artist Christopher D Bennett (artist name Dislexsick) will be working hard on the community mural on the side of our building. Over the next 5-7 days, we invite media and other community members to come observe and celebrate this transformation.

United Way HPE is celebrating 60 years of community generosity and the mural is part of this initiative. With the idea being to brighten the neighbourhood, bring the community together, and tie in the 60 year history.

“We are using our building as a canvass,” said Kathy Murphy, UWHPE Executive Director. “to portray what we see as the beauty and diversity of a community that cares – where we Love Where We Live through the generosity of its citizens.”

United Way HPE reached out to local artist Chris Bennett. Chris is a great match for the project based on his engagement with youth in the community, working with youth through dance and visual arts. Chris has designed the mural to represent the community, diversity, and our three pillars: All That Kids Can Be, From Poverty To Possibility, and Healthy Strong Communities.



“The big thing that I’m going to enjoy in painting this mural is the incorporation of different styles of art and textures. The United Way logo is a graphic design element, then I’m also going to do some water colour, and some realism elements.” Said Chris Bennett. Chris envisions the final piece as a way to visually bring together the history of the organization within the community, community giving, and everything United Way related, and enable community members to “take a tour of the art as they see it”.

Stay tuned as we will continue to transform our space to represent an opportunity for people to understand what sharing and community generosity can mean.

About United Way Hastings & Prince Edward

United Way Hastings & Prince Edward is now in it’s 60th year of providing leadership in a collaborative manner with our Funded Agencies and others to increase the capacity of our community to respond to human services needs. We continue to support 1 in 3 people in our local community through the 37 agencies and over 75 programs we help fund.

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