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United Way HPE Day of Caring volunteers support community agencies

Hastings & Prince Edward Counties, ON: The Hastings & Prince Edward region is a more beautiful place today, after 120 volunteers worked to support community agencies through the United Way Hastings & Prince Edward's annual Day of Caring on Tuesday, June 26.

Twelve volunteer teams worked at nine different locations belonging to United Way partner agencies throughout the day. Volunteers rolled up their sleeves to complete hands-on projects that these agencies wouldn't normally have the means to accomplish. The work was in keeping with the United Way HPE's mission to **Improve Lives Locally** and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action.

"This was one of the biggest days of caring in a very long time and United Way Hastings & Prince Edward is so grateful for the response from the business community. One hundred and twenty volunteers completed projects from community gardens to light construction work at agency offices, to playground completion at Abigail's Learning Centre," said Kathy Murphy, Executive Director of United Way Hastings & Prince Edward. "Day of Caring gives donors and supporters an opportunity to peek behind the scenes to see what agencies are doing to improve lives locally, while understanding how their donations work to help those most vulnerable."

On the day:

- The Bank of Montreal team worked at Community Living Prince Edward to increase the curb appeal of the home garden area, paint the front door and lay patio stones.
- The Ministry of Environment & Climate Change team worked at The HUB in Picton, painting the parking lot and building mud kitchens.
- The Canadian Forces Morale Welfare Services team worked at a Sexual Assault Centre of Quinte & District location, painting inside and outside, improving the garden and storage areas.
- The Ontario Disability Support Program team worked at Community Living Belleville on construction of a new garden bed.
- Teams from McDougall Insurance & Financial and Youth Justice Probation Services worked at Community Care South Hastings seniors homes on outdoor maintenance.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development team worked at The Enrichment Hub in Belleville on a new shelving unit and entrance garden planters.
- Teams from Community Living Belleville and Bonn Law worked at Gleaners Foodbank on garden bed construction and assistance with daily operations.
- The Kennametal Stellite team worked at Abigail's Learning Centre on construction of sun shelters and garden boxes.
- Teams from Avaya and Community Living Prince Edward worked outside the United Way HPE building on new garden boxes, picnic tables and an accessible garden.



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Also, on the day, Title Sponsor Shoeless Joe's provided lunch for all 120 volunteers and held a fundraising dinner, at which 10 per cent of dinner proceeds were donated to the United Way HPE. The day was also made possible by sponsors Procter & Gamble, Wilkinson & Company Chartered Professional Accountants, Kennametal Stellite, Bonn Law, OPSEU, Vantage Point Media House and Allstate .

#UW60for60

Also, on the Day of Caring, United Way HPE's #UW60for60 contest, run in partnership with the Quinte Mall, officially launched. This community wide challenge will help us mark 60 years of Improving Lives Locally. We're asking people to take part in small acts of community generosity between June 26 and July 26. Tell us about your act on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and you'll be entered into one of four weekly contests to win a \$60 gift certificate from the Quinte Mall. More details are available [here](#).

About United Way Hastings & Prince Edward

United Way Hastings & Prince Edward is now in its 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 approximately 75 programs we help fund. For more information on United Way Hastings & Prince Edward or to donate, visit united-wayhpe.ca or search United Way Hastings & Prince Edward on Facebook or Twitter.

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