

## News Release

### United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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#### **United Way Waterloo Region Communities' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spirit Awards**

Waterloo Region - United Way Waterloo Region Communities is pleased to invite community members to join them on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for a celebration honouring more than 40 individuals and organizations nominated for the organization's Spirit Awards.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spirit Awards will take place May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Whistle Bear Golf Club, 1316 Dickie Settlement Rd. in Cambridge. Tickets can be purchased at [www.iamtheone.ca/spiritawards](http://www.iamtheone.ca/spiritawards).

"This ceremony not only honours those who have helped their community," says CEO Joan Fisk. "It allows us to demonstrate the persistent need in Waterloo Region and how we continue to encourage the community to come together to address those needs. Unfortunately poverty is not going away, and neither are we. United Way plays a crucial role in funding the important programs and services our partner agencies provide to the community. We are second only to government when it comes to funding those important programs."

Fisk says that without the exemplary dedication and commitment of donors and volunteers, United Way Waterloo Region Communities could not continue to do what needs to be done. "As a result of their selfless commitment, United Way and our partner agencies can continue to build the support systems needed to make Waterloo Region a place where everyone can live their best lives."

The organization is also proud to announce its inaugural Ken Seiling Community Leader Award. This award will recognize an exemplary public leader who, through extraordinary contributions and outstanding commitment, has driven the spirit of community through personal involvement and initiative.

#### **United Way Waterloo Region Communities Spirit Awards**

**Thursday May 9, 2019**

**5:30 PM**

**1316 Dickie Settlement Rd.**

**Cambridge, ON**

#### **2019 Spirit Award Nominees**

##### **Rising Star**

Nominees:

- Waterloo North Hydro
- Conestoga College
- Scotiabank
- Economical Insurance
- Girard, Pilkey & Associates Wealth Management

### **Labour Community Partnership**

Nominees:

- Waterloo Regional Labour Council
- Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Waterloo Region
- Unifor Kitchener Regional Office
- United Steelworkers Local 4610
- United Steelworkers South Central Ontario Area Council

### **Spirit of Community**

Nominees:

- Kara Klypycz, The Pumpkin Queen of Cambridge
- Christian Snyder, Smile.io
- The partnership of Sleep Country Canada, Region of Waterloo, and Mill Creek Motor Freight
- Paula Saunders (retired), Independent Living Centre
- Chris Prosser, The Literacy Group
- Waterloo Regional Police Service

### **Outstanding Workplace Campaign (Large Organization)**

Nominees:

- Rockwell Automation
- Manulife
- LCBO
- University of Waterloo
- Energy+ Inc.
- Gore Mutual Insurance Company
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada
- Sun Life Financial

### **Outstanding Workplace Campaign (Small to Mid-Size Organization)**

Nominees:

- P&H Milling Group
- Toyota Tsusho Canada Inc. /Maple Automotive Corporation/Green Metals Canada Inc.
- Clarion Medical Technologies
- Union Gas
- Ernst & Young LLP
- BMO Financial Group
- TD Bank Financial Group
- RBC Financial Group

### **Outstanding Volunteer Contribution**

Nominees:

- Bill Conway, Rockwell Automation
- Brenda Schmidt, Region of Waterloo

- Union Gas Campaign Committee
- University of Waterloo Campaign Committee
- Jessie White and Linda Lachance, BMO Financial Group
- Landon Jennings
- Sun Life Financial Campaign Committee

### **Outstanding Agency**

Nominees:

- The Literacy Group
- Langs
- Extend-a-Family Waterloo Region
- Kinbridge Community Association
- Shalom Counselling Services
- YMCAs of Cambridge & Kitchener-Waterloo

### **Digital Assets:**

Please visit [www.uwaywrc.ca/communications](http://www.uwaywrc.ca/communications) or click [here](#) to download our digital assets and further information, including photos, CEO bio and photo, and United Way backgrounder.

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### **About United Way Waterloo Region Communities**

United Way Waterloo Region Communities is dedicated to helping people live better lives in every one of the seven communities we serve. We are fundraisers who support a network of agencies whose programs and services are locally focused, informed, connected, and deeply invested in helping people reach their full potential.

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