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## United Way Waterloo Region Communities

Changing lives & Building Communities

#### Philanthropy Advisors, Fundraisers & Consultants.



## ARE YOU THE ONE TO HELP?

A donation to United Way makes a difference locally by supporting vulnerable children and youth, fighting poverty, and empowering our neighbourhoods.

You can be the one to change a life today.







Who are we?

<u>United Way Waterloo Communities (UWWRC)</u> helps third party agencies to raise funds and advices them in the areas of finance, management and smooth functioning of the organization. This results in helping the community in three major areas:

- Supporting Vulnerable Children & Youth
- Fighting Poverty
- Building Neighborhoods

It is the second largest fundraisers after government and helps building local communities. They invest in emergency food and shelter services, counselling and harm reduction programs. Also, in after-school and mentorship activities for young generation.

#### **Leadership Board**

#### Joan Fisk, Chief Executive Officer



Joan has 30 years of senior level executive experience with versatile leadership roles and excellent academic background. After she joined United Way, Fisk made the pathway to serve seven communities and more than 40 partner agencies.

#### Samson Ling, Chair, Board of Directors

**Rebecca Tascona, Chair of Campaign Cabinet** 



### **News Release**

## Local community fundraises \$2 million

#### Vulnerable Youth Education Fund received more than its targeted amount

**Waterloo, Ontario - Friday, January 25, 2019** – United Way Waterloo Region Community, held an event to reach its target of fundraising \$1.5 million for serving better education and career opportunities for the local youth of seven communities. To the organizers surprise, they raised \$2 million and broke their own record.

The money raised during the event would go into Vulnerable Youth Education Fund which helps youth and children from age 12 to 25 in form of higher education, mentorship and career guidance. This fund will help more than 150 young minds to develop their future in the right direction.

Joan Fisk, Chief Executive Officer of United Way hosted the event at University of Waterloo at 10 a.m. on January 24, World Education Day.

"My son, Robert will be the first in the family to attend university," says Martha, one of the persons benefited due to this program.

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# FACT SHEET

## Mission

To build a community that uplifts, empowers and spreads awareness amongst the neighborhoods for better future of the current and next generation.

## Seven Communities

- Cambridge
- North Dumfries
- Kitchener
- Waterloo
- Wellesley
- Woolwich
- Wilmot

## Partner Agencies

- Argus Residence
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Child Witness Centre
- Community Justice Initiatives
- John Howard Society
- Langs
- oneROOF
- SHORE Centre
- YMCA Cambridge

### **Collaborative Community Initiatives**



## Members

- Carizon Family and Community Services
- Extend-A-Family
- Fiddlesticks Community Centre
- Greenway Chaplin Community Centre
- House of Friendship
- Kinbridge Community Association
- Preston Heights Community Group
- KW Counselling
- Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre



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