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UNITED WAY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPROVES 2010 GRANTS

The Grants Committee of the United Way Women's Leadership Council has approved its program grants for 2010 – with sincere thanks to the generosity of its members. An amount of \$50,000 will be allocated to local community initiatives within the following categories:

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

\$10,000 A.L.L. (Activities, Lessons and Leisure) for Kids Program

EDUCATION

\$ 5,000 L.E.A.P. (Learning, Earning and Parenting) Homework Club

\$ 3,000 L.E.A.P. Bursaries for Year Two Graduates (3 @ \$1,000)

\$ 3,000 L.E.A.P. Bursaries for Year One Graduates (3 @ \$1,000)

\$ 5,000 Post-Secondary Educational Assistance for Women

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

\$ 2,500 "Danny Project " School Snack Bin Program

\$ 2,000 Teen Challenge Farm (sponsorship for two local youth)

LEADERSHIP INVESTMENT

\$ 1,500 Ontario Educational Leadership Centre (bursaries for local youth leadership)

\$ 1,500 Muskoka Woods Camp (bursaries for local youth leadership)

WOMEN IN SITUATIONAL POVERTY

\$12,000 Supports to make a new start, change direction or move forward

CONTINGENCY FUND

\$ 4,500 Emergency Assistance

The United Way Women's Leadership Council is a philanthropic network of corporate and community leaders using their collective power to create meaningful change in Chatham-Kent. The Council's focus is on providing a "hand up" to women and children who want to make a change for the better.

From a small group of eight women in September of 2007, the Council now has a membership of 60. A 25% increase in membership has been targeted as part of the fall United Way Campaign.

Linda Ydreos, a Senior Director at Spectra Energy is a member of the Women's Leadership Council. Linda states, "I support the United Way Women's Leadership Council because it gives help today and hope for a better tomorrow to those among us who need it the most". Kathy Biondi, Operations Director, Correctional Services, Ontario is another member of the Council; she says, "I support the United Way Women's Leadership Council because it gives support when other avenues are closed. The focus is Chatham-Kent women lending a hand to other women and their children."

For further information about membership in the United Way Women's Leadership Council or to apply for financial support within each of the above-noted programs, please contact Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, United Way's Executive Director, at karen@uwock.ca or 519-354-0430.

This is just another of the many ways that the local United Way is fulfilling its mission of "improving lives and building community in Chatham-Kent", said Kirkwood-Whyte. "The WLC welcomes new members. The more we grow ... the more we change!"