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### **United Way of Quinte Funding Applications Now Available**

**Belleville, ON:** United Way of Quinte announced today that they are now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 funding year. Any not for profit charitable, health or social service agency providing human service programs in Hastings and Prince Edward counties is eligible to apply. Applications are available online at [www.belleville.unitedway.ca](http://www.belleville.unitedway.ca) or by contacting Brandi Hodge, Director of Community Investment and Partnerships, at 613-962-9531. Submissions must be received by noon on December 1, 2008 at the United Way offices located at 249 William St. in Belleville. Late applications will be returned and not processed.

Currently, the local funder is supporting more than 80 programs in 50 agencies with the \$1.6 million it raised last year. "Typically we are \$300,000-500,000 over subscribed," said Hodge, meaning the need always outstrips the available resources. A team of 35-40 trained volunteers review each application, assess the financial viability of the applicant, ensure no duplication of services, and make recommendations based on demonstrated need and the organization's funding priorities. The funds now being raised in the 2008 appeal, is the pool of money that will be allocated from during the annual review process in the New Year.

The 2008 campaign currently sits at 22.2% of the \$1,650,000 target with funds in to date of \$365,652. Last year at this time United Way of Quine had raised \$382,260.

The next fundraiser scheduled for United Way Quinte is Casino Royale, presented by Bel Con Builders & Design to be held Oct 18th at Sears Atrium, 500 College St E in Belleville. Committee Chair, Ingrid Moore, is excited about this year's event, "with a Mardi Gras theme, more than \$25,000 worth of auction items, black jack, other games of chance and entertainment, it promises to be a fun filled evening for all who attend." For only \$35/ticket not only does that gain you entry to the venue, but it also gives you \$1,000 in Casino Cash to play the games with. The charity casino also boasts a cash bar serving all the standards plus martinis and other specialty cocktails, a dance lounge with DJ and new this year, a 50/50 draw. Last year this event raised \$72,662 for United Way of Quinte.

There are still tickets available which can be purchased at the United Way offices, over the phone with a credit card by calling 613-962-9531, or by visiting the United Way Ambassador at the Guest Services kiosk at the Quinte Mall during regular mall hours.