

UNITED WAY

FOR THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

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EDWIN BINNEY'S COMMUNITY GARDEN: FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

Food from Edwin Binney's Community Garden has been delivered to ten food banks and eleven agencies: some of which are United Way CKL's regularly funded agencies. In the first season of operation, nearly **three tons of vegetables** were donated to the following agencies:

- Kawartha Lakes Food Source and its 10 member food banks
- Salvation Army
- A Place Called Home
- John Howard Society
- John Howard Society Men's Transitional Housing
- Community Care
- Good Food Box
- Boys and Girls Club
- Kawartha Lakes Centre of Hope
- Community Living
- Women's Resources



This garden has a way of turning everyday vegetables into magic. Have you ever seen a group of 7 year olds so excited about onions?

More than 350 children from 15 different schools and summer camps were able to enjoy workshops at Edwin Binney's Community Garden in its first season of operation. Children ages 3-17 participated in workshops tailored to their ages and abilities: from plant-identification scavenger hunts, to creating garden-themed crafts, to discussing biology and agriculture systems.

Thanks to a **TD Friends of the Environment** Grant, United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes was able to hire an educator to create curriculum-based workshop materials.

"The scavenger hunt was a great hands-on way for the students to learn, discover, and apply their knowledge while getting to move the entire time. Harvesting vegetables from the garden gave them a real sense of accomplishment. What a super opportunity for our students to familiarize with agriculture and growing in general!" - Grade 3-4 Teacher

THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATIONS

United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes is proud to announce the following agencies and programs as 2019-2020 Funding Recipients:

- **Big Brother Big Sisters:**
Traditional 1-1 Match, In-School Mentoring, Big Bunch, Kids 'N' Cops, Strong From the Start Pre-Match in CKL and Donor Designated support in Haliburton County.
- **Canadian Mental Health Association:**
Voluntary Trusteeship Program
- **Community Care Health and Care Network:**
Community Dental Clinic
- **Community Living Trent Highlands:**
Open the Door to Employment Program
- **Edwin Binney's Community Garden**
Capital costs and children's programming in the garden
- **John Howard Society Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton:**
Youth Services, Anger Management Program, Core Wrap-Around Funding, Caring Dads
- **Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton:**
Donor Designated support for Haliburton County
- **St John Ambulance:**
Advanced Medical First Responders and Therapy Dogs
- **VCCS Employment Services:**
Generation Connections Mentoring Program



Karen and Emily participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters' United Way funded programming



OPP INSPECTOR TIM TATCHELL ANNOUNCED AS 2019-2020 CAMPAIGN CHAIR

At the Campaign Kickoff event on Wednesday September 11, 2019, United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes warmly welcomed OPP Inspector Tim Tatchell as their 2019-2020 Campaign Chairperson.

Inspector Tatchell explained his involvement: "We all lead busy lives but when I saw the great work being done in our community by the local United Way and their awesome partners, I knew it was important that I do my small part and commit my time to assist them in achieving their goals."

"We are thrilled to have Inspector Tim Tatchell as our Campaign Chair for the upcoming campaign. He has embraced the role with enthusiasm and looks forward to learning more about the work United Way and its funded agencies do in the community," said Executive Director, Penny Barton Dyke.

The number of people who benefit from United Way funded programming continues to grow as over **50,000 people** now access services in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. This increase is a testament to funded agencies' ability to be aware of emerging needs in the community and to adapt their programs and services to address these needs.