

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS DAY IN KINGSTON

On May 3rd, the community came together at Memorial Hall to hear about local efforts to end youth homelessness in KFLA. Everyone was touched by the impact of the personal stories that local youth shared. A thank you to all who attended and a special note of appreciation to the Youth Council who facilitated the agenda, shared their stories and helped out on the day.

As we know, one in three people in shelters in Kingston are youth. On any given night in Canada, there are over 6,000 young people who experience homelessness. An even greater number of youth are part of the hidden homeless population who 'couch surf'. Whether visible or not, the issue of youth homelessness exists in every riding across the province – in big and small, urban and rural communities, alike.

No young person should have to prove they deserve a home. For many of them, homelessness is the result of experiencing family conflict, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Once on the streets, things do not necessarily get better. In fact, it usually gets worse.

### Youth Homelessness Statistics in Kingston & Area

- 1 in 3 people in shelters are youth between the ages of 15-24 years (1 in 5 national)
- Youth unemployment rate is 3-4 times higher than that of adults
- 50%+ of the homeless population in KFL&A are female (1 in 3 national)

For those who were unable to attend, we've included links to our website where you can find some of the materials. Visit our [Facebook page](#) for the photos from the event.

To watch the video, produced by a local high school student who is on our Youth Council, please [click here](#).

Other materials including the stories and the plan are available [here](#).

Thank you for coming and supporting this amazing initiative. Watch for more information about other events including a visit by Joe Roberts, Push For Change, on October 6th.

Together we can raise awareness about ending youth homelessness.



*Fiona McConnell Radford and Thalia Danielson from Youth Council*



*Daniel Danford Dussault from 211 and Mayor Bryan Paterson*



*Brian Dodo from BmDodo Strategic Design, Larissa Avery and Sabrina Tedford from Youth Council*



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## DAY OF CARING - LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

# Day of Caring®

Give. Volunteer. Act.



Don't forget to sign up for **Day of Caring** on June 10, 2016! This is your last chance to register your team. To register, [click here](#).

Day of Caring is a unique opportunity to engage employees at workplaces throughout the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington area in a meaningful way. This initiative does not only benefit our local agencies, but also helps participating workplaces build teamwork and learn about their community through hands-on experience.

Volunteers lend a helping hand to participating local not-for-profit agencies with much needed projects such as gardening, painting, and cleaning. Last year, 204 volunteers from 29 workplaces signed up to spend the day at 25 different sites. The event is sponsored by numerous local businesses that donate supplies.

## COMMUNITY CARING CELEBRATION



Thank you for 75 years of caring. September 4, 2016, marks the 75<sup>th</sup> year of the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington (KFLA). Originally known as the Community Chest, the first campaign in 1941 raised \$23,000 and supported 5 agencies. Now, 75 years later, the community campaign last year raised \$3.5 million, and funds 57 community programs.

On June 25, 2016, the United Way will celebrate 75 years of caring with a special Community Caring Celebration.

This free event is open to the community and will take place at Lake Ontario Park from 11am - 2pm. It will involve a BBQ, live music and lots of fun activities for children and adults to enjoy. Activities are designed and presented by United Way funded agencies. These include making your name in American Sign Language, writing braille and exploring tactile, enjoying a hands-on experience with Kingston Police motorcycles, and many more.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, **Novelis Inc.** and **Kingston and District Labour Council**, there is no charge for this experience.

## ATTENTION: EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS!

We invite you to join us at our Peer Learning Session to meet, share, and learn from fellow Employee Campaign Chairs.

You will learn from other campaign leaders how to:

- Build a culture of participation in your workplace
- Raise more money through increasing average gifts
- Evaluate and select events and initiatives to grow your campaign
- Boost your campaign with higher levels of awareness

### New Employee Campaign Chairs:

Come and learn from seasoned ECCs who will share their experiences and best practices. Bring these back into your own workplaces for a successful 2016 Campaign!

### Returning Employee Campaign Chairs:

Join us in welcoming our new ECCs! Your input is invaluable. This is also a great opportunity to pick up a few fresh ideas and updated information to apply to your own campaigns this year.

Two Peer Learning Sessions will be held:

- **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**, 9:00am to 12:00pm (designed for larger workplace)
- **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, 12:30pm to 4:00pm (all are welcome)

To register, please contact Heather Hayhow, Campaign Director, by email at [hhayhow@unitedwaykfla.ca](mailto:hhayhow@unitedwaykfla.ca) or by phone at 613-542-2674 ext. 1401.

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### Success By 6 Photos

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to see the photos from Success By 6 week!

## SAVE THE DATE

The venues are booked and dates are set so mark your calendars and make sure you are there.

### DAY OF CARING

**Friday, June 10, 2016**

Day of Caring is a community-wide United Way event that demonstrates the power of volunteering. Participants take on light construction, gardening and maintenance tasks. It's a win-win for all; much needed projects are completed for agencies and volunteers learn about their community through a hands-on experience. [\[Read more\]](#)

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CARING CELEBRATION

**Saturday, June 25, 2016, 11:00am to 2:00pm**

On June 25, 2016, the United Way will be holding a special Community Caring Celebration as part of our year-long 75th anniversary celebration. This free event is open to the community and will take place at Lake Ontario Park from 11am - 2pm. It will involve a BBQ, and lots of fun activities for whole family. Sponsored by Novelis Inc. and Kingston & District Labour Council. [\[Read More\]](#)

### LABOUR DAY PARADE AND PICNIC

**Monday, September 5, 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Please join the Kingston and District Labour Council for the Annual Labour Day Parade and Picnic. The event begins at McBurney Park (Ordnance and Clergy Streets) and is open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Labour Council will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of and our partnership with the United Way. Please join us in the park and enjoy free music, food and fun for the kids.

### UNITED WAY 2016 CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

**Friday, September 9, 2016, Door Opens at 7:00am - Agenda Begins at 7:30am**

We're starting off Campaign 2016 the way we always do, over breakfast at the Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre. Join over 600 volunteers for a hot buffet breakfast as we announce our region-wide fundraising goal.

### CFB KINGSTON COMMANDO CHALLENGE

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

CFB Kingston's Commando Challenge is the perfect team building activity for corporate groups or great fun for a bunch of friends or a community group. Teams of 10 members compete against the clock, and each other, to complete 7 military challenges.

### FARE FOR FRIENDS

**Sunday, September 18, 2016, 2:00pm - 6:00pm**

In true garden party style, guests of Fare for Friends relax in the elegance of enormous white tents, stroll around the grounds of the Vimy Officers' Mess on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. This is the region's best garden party, where patrons sample culinary delights, excellent wines and beer while enjoying live music and participating in a lively auction. Lead sponsor: Investors Group. [\[Read More\]](#)

### UNITED WAY 2016 CAMPAIGN TOUCHDOWN BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Door Opens at 7:00am - Agenda Begins at 7:30am**

Find out how much money you raised as we wrap up Campaign 2016 the same way we start it – with another delicious hot buffet breakfast at the Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre.