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## York Region employees raise over \$120,000 for United Way

*2006 campaign exceeds \$115,000 goal*

**NEWMARKET** – Employees with The Regional Municipality of York and York Regional Police Services have raised more than \$120,000 towards the United Way of York Region for 2006.

The employee campaign exceeded its \$115,000 campaign goal by \$5,054.

The grand total was unveiled at a campaign closing celebration held yesterday at the York Region Administrative Centre.

“Regional staff have once again rallied behind such an important cause that will help so many people and families in need,” said York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. “The fact that we not only met, but exceeded our 2006 campaign goal shows how York Region employees care deeply about their community and the well-being of others.”

“York Region staff have demonstrated an unprecedented level of energy and enthusiasm during this year’s United Way campaign,” added campaign Co-Chair Joann Simmons, York Region Commissioner of Community Services, Housing and Health Services. “Everyone can be proud of what we were able to accomplish together.”

Campaign highlights included:

- Staff payroll deduction program
- June softball tournament with 24 participating teams
- Third Annual Office Mini Putt tournament with two golf courses throughout the York Administrative Centre, designed by Regional staff and departments
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft and Gift Sale showcasing hundreds of unique seasonal gift ideas and wares by 79 vendors and artisans
- Two staff barbecues and a silent auction
- A staff 50/50 draw



Applauding York Region’s United Way employee campaign achievement. (From left) Rahul Bhardwaj, CEO United Way of York Region; Bill Fisch, York Regional Chair and CEO; Michael Garrett, York Region CAO and Armand La Barge, York Regional Police Chief.

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