

Southern Huron

HELPING
HERE



United Way
Perth-Huron

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TOGETHER WE ARE IMPROVING LIVES



THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BASIC NEEDS,
SERVICE CONNECTION, ADVOCACY,
RESEARCH AND CULTIVATING
INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES.

#UNIGNORABLE LOCAL ISSUES



Lack of Housing

A single bedroom rental is over \$1,200/mo.
169 people are experiencing homelessness.



Low Income

57% of people with incomes in Perth-Huron
earn less than a living wage (\$35,262 annually).



Mental Health

By the time Canadians reach the age of 40,
1 in 2 have experienced a mental illness.



Access to Services

Navigating the local social service network is
challenging, especially for our most vulnerable.



Intimate Partner Violence

In Huron County, the OPP received 614 calls
related to intimate partner violence in 2021.



Food Insecurity

1,510 families are food insecure in Huron County.
Food prices rose 7.4% in one year.



HOLISTIC APPROACH

EXAMPLES

SYMPTOMS

- Hunger
- Violence & Crime
- Poor Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Lack of Access to Services

PROBLEM

- Poverty

CAUSES

- Low Income
- Poor Mental Health
- Systemic Racism
- Unequal Opportunities
- Relationship Breakdowns

United Way is committed to cultivating innovative initiatives addressing root causes of local social issues. We research and advocate for a living wage, affordable housing and improved social assistance rates and services.

We also understand that long-term goals don't solve the challenges of a person facing eviction next week, or the parent with empty cupboards and hungry children right now. To that end, we also fundraise and invest in programs to help ensure people get the immediate help they need.



Show your local love

CHANGING LIVES

Walt needed a helping hand. Faced with eviction and a loss of the services he needed, he reached out to a connection centre in his community. There, he found a welcoming environment filled with staff and volunteers who were willing to help. The housing stability worker negotiated with Walt's landlord to allow him to temporarily stay in his home while other staff worked on finding alternate housing and supports.

Now, Walt is doing better thanks to United Way and a supported partner. He looks forward to finding a new place to live and continuing his journey out of homelessness.



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SOUTH HURON 2021 IMPACT

1,662

visits to a supported food bank

122

seniors accessed transportation

17

children matched with mentors

43

women escaping violence sheltered

38

families received financial assistance

50

people called 211 to connect with services

6

youth accessed housing & supports

6

men accessed transitional housing



INCREASING ACCESS TO SERVICES

South Huron
CONNECTION
CENTRE

Open in Exeter



Partly as a result of rising housing costs, homelessness increased by 60% during the pandemic. In an effort to tackle this #UNIGNORABLE issue in Southern Huron, a drop-in space opened for those experiencing homelessness or otherwise vulnerable.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAINTAIN THIS SERVICE!

The *South Huron Connection Centre* offers wrap-around supports including trauma-informed care, substance use and mental health counselling as well as basic needs such as showers, laundry and food. Services are client-centred, providing dignity and choice with an unrelenting focus on securing permanent housing.

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