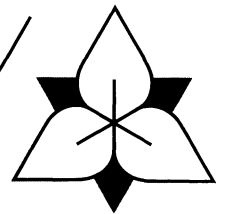


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Greetings:

## 2009 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) has a long and proud tradition of support for the United Way and the many services their agencies provide. The year 2009 is a time of challenge and opportunity for both the labour movement and the United Ways across Ontario.

Communities throughout Ontario are reeling from the economic storm. Job loss has been sharp and widespread. In June, the Ontario Federation of Labour organized a 3,000 km province-wide tour to draw attention to the effect of the recession on Ontario people and communities. The Drive to Work Caravan was involved in more than 100 events in over 50 communities across our province. The Drive to Work Caravan called for positive action by the Provincial Government in order to address the need for Good Jobs, Strong Public Services and Healthy Communities.

Because of this economic and social disruption, many workers will access some of the array of services available in their community as a result of funding provided by the local United Way. Such services assist workers, families and communities to cope with their present circumstances and to make plans for the future.

We are asking union members to be active in supporting the campaign of their local United Way. The more successful the campaign, the more resources will be available in your community to assist those in need.

Our members know the extent and importance of these services through the ongoing work of local labour councils, labour staff and the United Way. In many United Way funded agencies, the services are delivered by union members who are affiliated to the Ontario Federation of Labour and their local labour council. These services act as a supplement, not a replacement to government financed and publicly delivered programs.

We hope that, we can count on the support of all union members to support the 2009 United Way Campaign in their workplace and in their community.

In solidarity,

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