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MAJOR INDIVIDUAL GIVING 2024 HONOUR ROLL



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*At Dorset Park Community Hub's food bank, neighbours can access healthy food close to home. Through partners like this, United Way supports urgent food access and long-term solutions to end hunger across our region.*



## Message from our President & CEO

When I think of the word “community”, so much comes to mind. The places we live and raise our families, the spaces we gather with friends and neighbours, where we feel a sense of belonging. It is also a group of people — like each of you in our 2024 Major Individual Giving Honour Roll — that come together, connected by your commitment and care for the people and places across Peel, Toronto and York Region.

And in times like these, filled with such uncertainty, community is so important and at the heart of everything we do.

Across our region too many are struggling, not sure what the future holds. But it has only strengthened our resolve and determination to advance our 10-year vision: to tackle poverty and build a stronger, more equitable GTA where everyone can thrive.

With you by our side, we are forging a new way forward — investing, safeguarding and building to meet our region’s most challenging issues head on with transformational, resident-focused solutions. And you understand the unique and critical role United Way plays as a leader, a convenor and an enabler. We bring people together and we are situated to do this kind of work like no other, to power real, lasting change.

Alongside our network of community agencies — still our best frontline response to meeting rising, urgent needs — we are hard at work to increase access, opportunity and connection to the things people need to build a good life including food, housing and good, stable employment.

Our new and pivotal Community Real Estate Initiative is making strides, ensuring vital programs and services remain rooted in the heart of the neighbourhoods they serve. From helping community organizations navigate and secure stable spaces, to expanding our trusted Community Hubs — where social services come together under one roof — we are building more than just physical bricks and mortar. We’re strengthening a strong social safety net and laying a foundation for a resilient, brighter future.

I believe in the power of community, and I thank you for being such an important part of ours. With your generosity, United Way will continue to be there, in good times and when things get tough. You can count on it.

Together, we are building a GTA for all, today and for the years ahead. **Any way we can.**

Yours in partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Heather McDonald**  
President & CEO,  
United Way Greater Toronto





Through programs like The Redwood's Women in Trades and Technology, jobseekers get the training and support they need to build a better future. United Way funds employment programs that break down barriers and open doors to opportunity across the GTA.



## Message from our 2025 Major Individual Giving Cabinet Chair

My first experience with United Way Greater Toronto was a personal one. My children went to school in Regent Park — a community that has been strengthened by years of United Way support. United Way also funded after-school programs in the area, and I've always been grateful for that investment in local youth. Helping young people develop the confidence and skills to imagine new possibilities for a brighter future is just one example of the long-term impact United Way helps set in motion by supporting over 300 agencies delivering frontline services.

Since then, my connection has only deepened — along with my trust in United Way's ability to focus on what matters most. I've seen how they bring together the right people across sectors to take on complex local challenges from every angle. How they show up with tenacity and care to drive lasting change — and how donors like you help make that possible.

As Chair of United Way's Major Individual Giving Cabinet, I'm honoured to stand alongside you in supporting our neighbours and communities — the fabric that holds the GTA together. But income inequality is growing, and that fabric is being stretched. It's up to all of us to help reinforce it, keep it strong and do our part to narrow the income gap.

Behind the headlines about rising costs are neighbours facing real and growing hardship: a parent skipping meals so their children can eat, a newcomer trying to rebuild in an unfamiliar place, a young person unsure where to turn for help. But every act of generosity — every investment in the spaces, services and supports people rely on — adds up and helps hold our community together. One life improves, then another and the impact continues to grow. And we'll keep going, relentless in our pursuit, until everyone has a fair chance at a good life.

This Major Individual Giving 2024 Honour Roll is a celebration of your commitment to this vision. Every story is a thread in the tapestry of a more equitable, resilient community we're weaving together.

Thank you for believing in this work and for being part of something bigger than any one of us. Together, let's keep fighting for the future we want to see — a GTA where everyone belongs and thrives. **Any way we can.**

Sincerely,

**Dominique Barker**

Chief Financial Officer, Lithium Royalty Corp.  
2025 Major Individual Giving Cabinet Chair

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# 2025 Major Individual Giving Cabinet

## **Dominique Barker**

Chief Financial Officer, Lithium Royalty Corp.  
2025 Major Individual Giving Cabinet Chair

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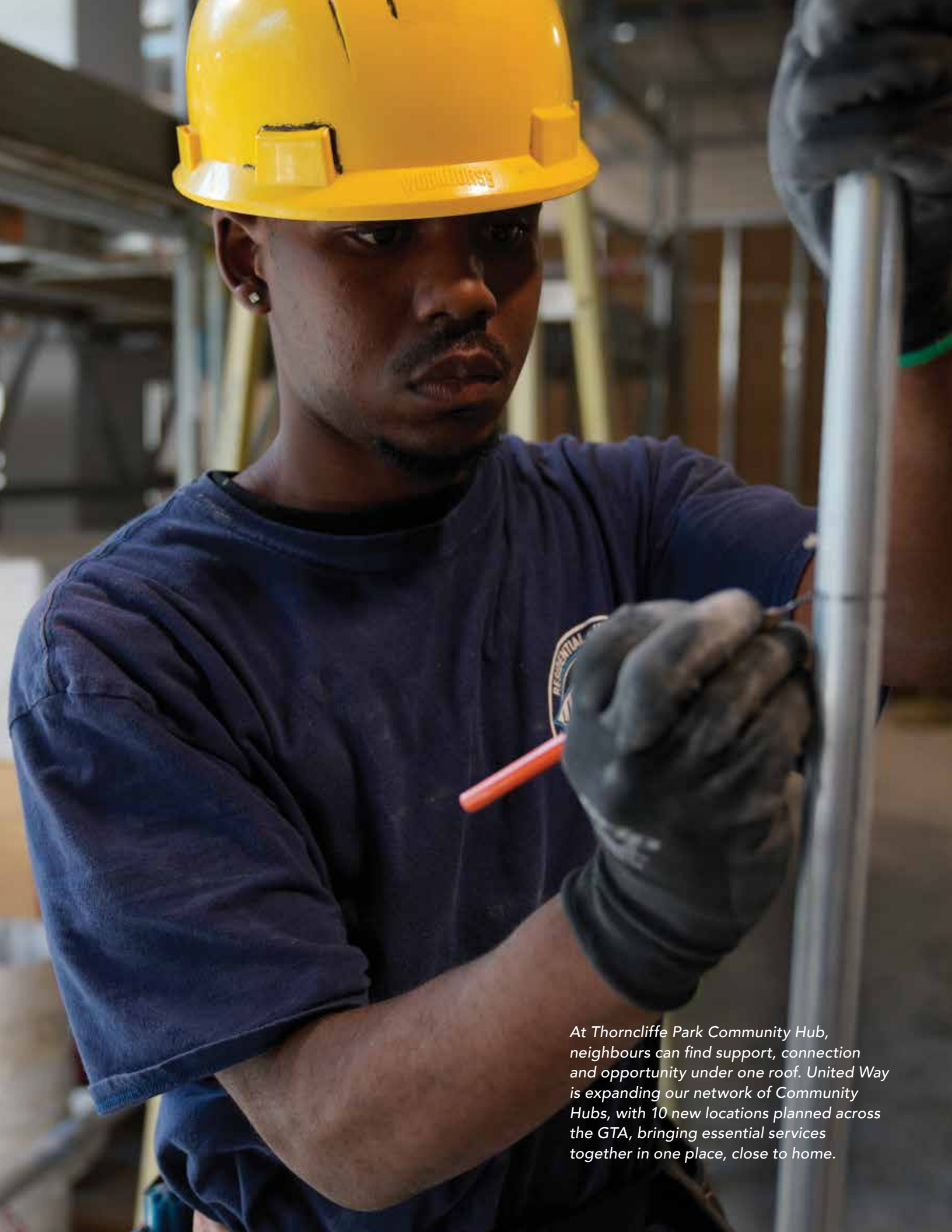


211 is a free, 24/7 helpline connecting people to community-based health, social and government services — from housing to mental health support. United Way helped launch 211 in Toronto, and we continue to champion it across the region and beyond.



Our Major Donor Circle members gave \$10,000 or more to United Way Greater Toronto from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024. Their generosity fuels United Way's crucial work. Together with these passionate donors, we roll up our sleeves to fight local poverty, meeting urgent needs today while building a GTA where everyone has what they need to thrive. We are proud to celebrate the extraordinary care and dedication these individuals and foundations show for Peel, Toronto and York Region.





*At Thorncliffe Park Community Hub, neighbours can find support, connection and opportunity under one roof. United Way is expanding our network of Community Hubs, with 10 new locations planned across the GTA, bringing essential services together in one place, close to home.*

# UNITED WAY MILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE

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Our Million Dollar Roundtable members have demonstrated remarkable generosity, contributing \$1 million or more cumulatively to United Way Greater Toronto. Their steadfast support helps fund transformative initiatives and essential services in neighbourhoods across the GTA.

Their impact ensures United Way can continue to tackle our region's most pressing challenges — like housing, food, employment and mental health supports — while creating lasting pathways to opportunity, stability and a good life.

We are deeply grateful for their exceptional commitment to our community.

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■ Throughout the following pages, members of the Million Dollar Roundtable who have cumulatively given \$1 million or more to United Way Greater Toronto will be recognized by a blue square next to their name.

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- Robin W. Korthals
- The Slaughter Family Foundation

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- Stephen Smith & Diane Blake
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- Member of Million Dollar Roundtable who has cumulatively given \$1 million or more to United Way Greater Toronto, a remarkable show of dedication to our community
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- Member of Women United who has given generously in support of women and their families experiencing poverty and related issues across the GTA



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## Guardian

(\$100,000-\$199,999)

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- Bob & Joan Wright



AILEEN TRESCHER

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# Planning today for a stronger tomorrow

Since stepping into early retirement, Aileen has embraced travel as part of her active lifestyle — but returning home to York Region is always a comfort.

This community is where she bought her first home, raised her children and pets, built a career as a sales executive — and found a way to give back.

Aileen's journey with United Way Greater Toronto began through a workplace giving campaign at American Express. More than two decades later, she's still a committed donor and volunteer, lending her expertise on United Way's Management Advisory Group to support grant processes.

"A healthy community makes all of us better," she says. "I wanted to help make sure everyone has better options."

But Aileen also worries about what lies ahead. York Region is growing quickly, and essential services haven't kept pace.

While the future is uncertain, Aileen is sure of this: the right actions today can shape a brighter tomorrow. That's why she's leaving a gift in her will to United Way Greater Toronto.

"It's not just words. It's action. This gift reflects how I live my life: with community at the centre."

Aileen hopes future residents will feel the same sense of security and possibility she's found in York Region — and that her decision will inspire others to consider leaving a gift in their will as part of their own legacy.

"I'm showing my children and their generation that this is what giving back to community looks like. You don't have to wait until the end of your life to think about the impact you want to leave behind."

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## Trustee

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**Left to right:** Marc Muzzo  
and Jim V. De Gasperis

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## THE MUZZO AND DE GASPERIS FAMILIES

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# 40 years of building community together

Forty years ago, Alfredo De Gasperis and Marco Muzzo, two visionary builders and philanthropists, recognized that York Region was growing rapidly. But they believed that strong communities need more than bricks and mortar — they need a robust social infrastructure to keep pace.

They brought their peers together for the first Building Industry Luncheon (BIL), uniting the building and development sector to raise funds for United Way and the community agencies it supports.

What began as a small gathering has grown into a cornerstone event for the GTA's development industry. BIL now welcomes over 1,300 guests annually and has raised an extraordinary \$20 million for United Way Greater Toronto.

"We build the houses and the neighbourhoods," Alfredo once said. "United Way makes them homes and communities." That legacy of building and supporting community continues through United Way's Community Real Estate Initiative, centred on Community Hubs and

helping frontline agencies secure the space they need to offer housing and other critical supports.

Today, their sons, Jim V. De Gasperis, President and CEO of Condrain Group, and Marc Muzzo, President of Pemberton Group, carry the torch. "It's a testament to our industry's optimism and belief that a brighter future starts with building the right foundation," says Jim.

**"We build the houses and  
neighbourhoods. United  
Way makes them homes  
and communities."**

As the Building Industry Luncheon celebrates its 40th anniversary, it stands as proof of what's possible when leaders in the development sector come together — not just to construct buildings, but to build a stronger, brighter GTA where everyone can thrive.



**DAVID HONDERICH**  
IN MEMORIAM

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# Honouring a legacy of community, care and connection

David Beland Honderich had a deep love for family and community that shaped his life and inspired his generosity. A devoted husband and father, he was happiest with his “three girls”: his wife Terri and daughters, Holly and Rachel. We are grateful he chose to share his commitment to people and community with United Way Greater Toronto.

David was an avid United Way volunteer. He helped shape 211, an initiative launched in Toronto in 2002 that has become a national helpline connecting people to social services and community supports. He even took his support to great heights, climbing the CN Tower for United Way!

David’s commitment to United Way was a family tradition. His parents, Beland and Florence, were dedicated United Way supporters.

In honour of that legacy, David ensured his parents’ estate supported the creation of a Community Hub. He was an early advocate of Hubs, believing in the power of bringing services together in one welcoming place — planting seeds for work that continues today, as United Way looks to build 10 more Hubs in the next decade.

It’s been said United Way Greater Toronto was David’s favourite charity. In tribute to his dedication, his family asked that donations be made in his honour in lieu of flowers. David also included a generous gift in his will, a lasting testament to his commitment to community. His memory lives on in the people he loved, the causes he championed and the kindness he brought to all who knew him.

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NICOLAS MARCOUX

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## Local leadership with a lasting impact

For Nicolas Marcoux, supporting United Way Greater Toronto is about more than ending local poverty — it's about creating a better future for everyone.

Since first getting involved in 2018, Nicolas has exemplified energy, passion and a 'roll-up-your-sleeves' attitude by contributing as a volunteer, donor and founding member of the Inclusive Local Economic Opportunity initiative Leadership Table.

"Supporting United Way has been a meaningful way to turn inspiration into action and make a real difference," he says.

As CEO of PwC Canada, Nicolas has cultivated a strong culture of giving. "At PwC, we believe in making a difference in the communities where we live and work.

Our partnership with United Way brings that value to neighbourhoods in an impactful way."

One of his most anticipated moments of the year is climbing the CN Tower at United Way ClimbUP. Each year, Nicolas matches donations dollar for dollar, and this year, he is challenging fellow CEOs to join him in the climb. "It's about showing up, not just writing a cheque."

Nicolas is inspired by United Way's 10-year vision — balancing urgent needs with building long-term resilience. His own philanthropy reflects this hope for the future.

"In times like these, it's more important than ever to strengthen the social safety nets that support our communities," Nicolas says.

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PATTI SHUGART

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## Empowering women, uplifting communities

Patti Shugart envisions a future where every woman has the support she needs to pursue opportunities for her career and family's well-being.

As Managing Director and Head of Global Corporate Banking at RBC Capital Markets, she champions inclusion and equity. "As a client solutions firm, we get better ideas with diverse people at the table."

A longtime advocate, Patti has been a dedicated volunteer and supporter. She's Women United's Executive Sponsor, has led a record-breaking multi-million dollar RBC campaign and contributed a matching grant alongside her husband Paul.

Patti has always been committed to helping women succeed. "I had a supportive upbringing and career mentorship, but many haven't. I want to pay it forward."

Patti believes helping women creates a ripple effect: "By lifting up women — often the primary caregivers — their children benefit, and society improves."

She's seen how Women United helps women, recalling stories about a young girl who went from living on the street to joining a youth program and graduating from Harvard, and a mother who found work and bought her kids Christmas gifts for the first time.

On engaging in philanthropy, she advises, "Figure out what you're passionate about and put your energy towards that."

In 2022, Patti and Paul joined the Million Dollar Roundtable — donors who've generously donated \$1 million or more. "The need in Toronto is so great," she says.

"When people thrive, so do our communities and United Way is all about helping people thrive."



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VICTOR AND MAUREEN DODIG

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# Investing in community, together

For more than 30 years, Victor and Maureen Dodig have shared a deep commitment to uplifting local communities — one that is shaped by their values, strengthened by experience and grounded in action.

“Strong communities are critical to a strong nation,” says Victor. “With so many people experiencing hardship across the GTA, it’s never been more important to invest in the fabric of our neighbourhoods.”

His philanthropy is deeply personal — raised in west Toronto by immigrant parents, Victor experienced the power of community support firsthand. “It was through the kindness of others that I came to understand the role community plays in lifting people up,” he says. That experience continues to fuel his passion for opening doors for others.

This belief in creating opportunity for all has driven the Dodigs’ remarkable involvement with United Way through years of generous giving, volunteering and Victor’s dedicated leadership, including his service on the Major Individual Giving Cabinet. Whether it be personally or professionally, they lead by example.

Maureen and Victor’s commitment and care for community reached a truly extraordinary level in 2024. Not only did Victor serve as Community Campaign Chair, but he and Maureen made a transformative \$1 million Leadership Challenge Gift, inspiring others to give as well with this generous match.

**“Impactful giving isn’t  
just about capacity — it’s  
about commitment.”**

“Victor and I have seen firsthand the incredible work United Way Greater Toronto does for the most vulnerable members of our communities, and we have never felt more inspired to lend our support,” says Maureen. This kind of phenomenal investment sparks a wave of generosity in others to meet pressing challenges like poverty, housing and inequity head-on.

“Impactful giving isn’t just about capacity — it’s about commitment,” Victor says. “Matching gifts have the power to galvanize a community. We can achieve so much more together than we can alone.”



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YURY & IRINA SHMUYLOVICH

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# The power of paying it forward

For Yury and Irina Shmuylovich, giving back isn't a checkbox — it's a way of life rooted in lived experience, family values and a deep belief in the potential of others.

When they arrived as refugees from the former Soviet Union, they had just two suitcases and \$300. "That's all we were allowed" Yury recalls.

One act of kindness left a lasting impression. "I got a scholarship for school. The next year, we couldn't afford tuition, and an alum paid for me. I never found out who it was. They just wrote: 'If you have a chance, do the same.'"

Today, Yury is Executive Vice-President, Managing Director and Co-Head, Global Funding and Treasury at National Bank. He sees parallels between his work in banking and United Way's work.

"United Way brings people with different skill sets together — a facilitator that helps others flourish," he says.

"You're investing in people's growth so they can reach their goals and dreams — for themselves and their families."

The couple is proud to see their four children give back in their own way. "Kids learn by example," they say. "We're passing on values, not a process, because they're on their own journey." That philosophy guides their generous support for United Way as Million Dollar Roundtable members — reflecting a lifetime commitment of over \$1 million in giving.

"We were introduced to United Way through National Bank's campaign and it became part of our life," Irina says. "It's rewarding to see how United Way acts as a catalyst so programs — and the people who access them — become self-sustaining."

As the GTA evolves, Yury and Irina are hopeful about the future because they believe United Way's deep, local focus strengthens neighbourhoods from the ground up and helps people thrive, together.

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*At this Zumba class at Thorncliffe Park Community Hub, neighbours come together for more than services — they come together to connect, move and build community. United Way supports programs that promote health, belonging and inclusion across the GTA.*

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# A vision for belonging

For one longtime United Way supporter, a visit to the United Way-funded Thorncliffe Park Community Hub sparked a renewed sense of hope for the future of the GTA.

“That model stayed with me,” she shares. “It was thoughtful, inclusive and rooted in the unique needs of the community.”

What struck her most was how many community services were available in one space. Each service was thoughtfully chosen in collaboration with residents and likely wouldn’t have existed in the neighbourhood otherwise.

Inspired, she deepened her commitment with a transformational gift to seed United Way’s Community Hub Fund — an investment to expand this model in neighbourhoods across Peel, Toronto and York Region.

“Hubs also help with the networking piece and overcoming isolation,” she says, envisioning a GTA where everyone feels like they belong. “For a mother who is a newcomer, a welcoming space where her kids can play and she can meet other women could make someplace new feel more like home.”

With her generous transformational gift and the support of others, United Way’s Community Real Estate Initiative is growing a network of Hubs that connects people across the region to a range of essential supports — and to each other.

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**RYAN SELWOOD**  
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# Giving back to the community he called home

Though his remarkable career, which included 15 years at the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, took him to financial centres around the world, Ryan Selwood's heart remained in Toronto. After returning in 2015, he focused his energy on giving back to the community he loved — becoming a dedicated supporter of United Way and a valued member of the Major Individual Giving Cabinet.

A proud hockey dad, Ryan brought the same spirit he showed cheering on his sons, Everett and Lochlan, to his philanthropy — encouraging friends and colleagues to get involved and helping to build a stronger safety net for families across the GTA.

Even after starting a new job in the U.S. in 2022, he remained deeply committed, continuing to rally support back home during the pandemic.

At 51, Ryan was taken far too soon. A mentor, trusted colleague and friend, he is remembered for his generosity, leadership and belief in the power of community. His wife Meredith and their sons continue to honour his legacy — one rooted in care, compassion and conviction that everyone deserves the chance to thrive.



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*At Parkdale Recreation Activity Centre (PARC), staff are serving up more than meals — they're helping build food security in our communities. United Way supports food programs that provide immediate relief and long-term solutions to improve food security across the GTA.*





*At Ecosource's community gardens in Mississauga, residents grow fresh, affordable, culturally appropriate food — and a stronger local food system. United Way supports community gardens like this one to help neighbourhoods across Peel, Toronto and York Region become more food secure.*

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