

# United Way Employee Campaign Newsletter

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## Giving Thanks

This Thanksgiving season was a great time to reflect and express our gratitude. As we gathered with our loved ones, shared meals, and embraced the warmth of togetherness, we are reminded of the power of giving thanks.

Here, at the United Way Office, we are immensely thankful for the unwavering support from our incredible leaders and donors. Your dedication and generosity continue to make a meaningful impact in our community, and for that, we are truly grateful.

## Incentive Draw

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first incentive draw of this year's United Way Employee Campaign. Congratulations to the winners of the following divisions (names of winners to be published soon):

Prizes	Winners
One week off with pay	Transportation Services
One week off with pay	Employment & Social Services
One week off with pay	Public Health
Two tickets to the Civic Gala	Shelter, Support & Housing Administration
KitchenAid K400 Blender	Toronto Public Library
Keurig K-Café Coffeemaker	Shelter, Support & Housing Administration
Apple TV 4K 128GB	Public Health
JBL Portable Speaker	Employment & Social Services
Beats Solo3 Wireless Headphones	Toronto Public Library

You still have time to participate in the second incentive draw which is taking place on October 17. All staff who make a payroll pledge of \$4 or more per pay are eligible to enter. The deadline to participate in the second draw is October 12 at 5 p.m.

For more details on the draw and to view the prizes, visit the [Incentive Draw](#) on the intranet (pdf version of the Rules of Play can be accessed [here](#)).

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## CN Tower ClimbUP

Taking on the 1,776 steps of the CN Tower is a challenge. Some people might hesitate. Maybe you're one of them. But one person who isn't hesitating is Walter.

Walter can't wait to conquer the steps of the tower for the third time at United Way's ClimbUP for community, just days after his 99th birthday! Climbing along with him will be his son, grandson and two great grandsons. And he wants you to join them.

"If I can do it, you can do it. Let's do it together."



Join us for the climb on Saturday, October 21 or Sunday, October 22. [Register](#) now!

## Clamshell Radio

Calling all music fans for Clamshell Radio!

On Tuesday, October 17 from 12 to 12:45 p.m., join City Manager Paul Johnson and Mike Tanner, Manager, Music Sector Development, and other music lovers in the Toronto Public Service, for Clamshell Radio! Chat with fellow music lovers about the latest local artist you're listening to, or share the shows and venues you're keen to check out. Plus, don't miss [Govfest](#) sneak preview with a live musical performance by Matt Bentley from Parks, Forestry & Recreation. Attend in person at City Hall, Council Chamber or [watch online](#).

## BINGO

The always popular [Bingo](#) (pdf version [here](#)) starts on October 24. Staff can contact their Divisional Coordinators to purchase cards for \$2 each. A limited number of Bingo cards are available at the moment due to supplier issues but more are on the way.



## Civic Gala

Get out your dancing shoes and come join us for the 11th annual Civic Gala in support of the United Way Employee Campaign.

### Details

- Venue: Union Station
- Date: Friday, November 3, 2023
- Time: 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- \$130, plus service fees

### Highlights

- Interactive food stations, hors d'oeuvres by Amano Italian Kitchen
- Live DJ
- Live and silent auctions
- And more...

Tickets can be purchased on the [Civic Gala](#) intranet or through [Eventbrite](#).

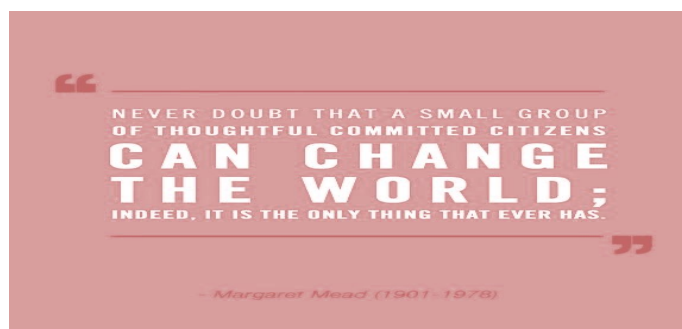


## Speakers Bureau

Hearing a personal account of how a gift to United Way creates opportunities for a better life for people in our region can offer your colleagues a deeper understanding of where donations go. United Way Greater Toronto speakers can be selected according to your area of interest to share their heartfelt experiences.

For more information, please visit United Way Greater Toronto's [Speakers Bureau](#).

To book a United Way guest speaker, please complete the Speakers Bureau form: [Request a United Way Speaker](#).



## Important Dates



Event	Date(s)
Incentive Draw 2	October 17
CN Tower ClimbUP	October 21 and 22
Bingo starts	October 24
GovFest Wine + Art Soiree	October 2023
GovFest Battle of the Bands	November 2023
Civic Gala	November 3
Cash Raffle Draw	December 7

## Resources

For all information regarding the United Way Employee Campaign  
[United Way Employee Campaign intranet](#)

Civic Gala tickets for purchase  
[Eventbrite: One City, One Team, United @ Union](#)

Registration for CN Tower ClimbUP Community Challenge  
[United Way ClimbUP](#)

Information about United Way Greater Toronto  
[United Way Greater Toronto](#)

Guide for ambassadors/ coordinators  
[2023 Ambassadors' Guide](#)

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