



Day of Caring

Day of Caring is a community-wide United Way initiative that demonstrates the power of volunteers and the collective impact we have when we work together. By completing much needed projects across the community, workplace volunteers are helping to create a stronger, vibrant Oxford County. Since 2005, Day of Caring has provided hands-on work opportunities within an agency building or program space. If you have a workplace or team that would be interested in participating in a future Day of Caring, reach out to Lindsay Wilson lindsay@unitedwayoxford.ca and we can provide you with more information. There are also opportunities for small group or individual projects! Day of Caring takes place on the first Thursday in June, with other opportunities throughout the year. This event is sponsored by MW&Co.



Women United's Tampon Tuesday

Since 2017, United Way Oxford has been proud to work with donors, workplaces and sponsors to bring people together and help marginalized individuals and families in our community who are facing Period Poverty. In addition to collecting and then distributing menstrual hygiene products, we have an opportunity to build awareness and understanding around poverty and the struggles that many in our community face on a day-to-day basis. As our community knows more about local needs, we can do more to help change social conditions and raise women up. If you are interested in participating in, or hosting your own a Tampon Tuesday event, simply reach out to amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca for more information. Tampon Tuesday takes place on the first Tuesday in March each year. This event is supported by Shoppers Drug Mart and Kelsey's Roadhouse.



Campaign Kick off

Join in on the excitement of beginning our Campaign Season at United Way Oxford by participating in our Annual Community Kickoff! By coming together to share in the needs of our community, we can set our sights on how to best make meaningful impact in our community for those struggling with poverty. Connecting those in need of mental health support to timely, accessible, client-focused resources. And ensuring that youth in our community have a sense of belonging and mentorship. To be included in the invite list for future Kickoff events, email Amanda Kreiger amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca. This event takes place in September.



Community Celebration

Our Annual Community Celebration is an exciting way to share in the success of our Annual Campaign, and highlight the power of Local Love across Oxford County. Join us as we highlight the impact of your donation to United Way, and how when we work together as a community we can continue to provide meaningful support to 1 in 5 Oxford County residents. We also take this time to highlight and thank individuals, volunteers and workplaces as we present awards to those that have gone above and beyond in support of our work. To be added in the invite list for future Community Celebrations, email Lindsay Wilson lindsay@unitedwayoxford.ca. This event takes place in March each year. This event is sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.



Online Auction

The Annual Online Auction is the perfect way to prepare for some of your holiday shopping, or to treat yourself after a year of hard work! Local businesses and individuals offer their support through donating items and experiences to the auction that can then be bid on by community members. Simply visit the auction page at the beginning of December to see what items are up for grabs! Everyone wins when 100% of proceeds support the work of United Way Oxford. If you'd like to donate an item to the auction, please email Amanda Kreiger amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca.



12 Days of Giving

Join us as we share a variety of creative ways to give back to your community and directly support those in need as we approach the holiday season. We'll offer opportunities to learn more about our community needs, share in ways to make someone's day a little better, and donate to directly support local organizations, and people, in our community. Together, let's battle the cold December days with the warmth of Local Love! With opportunities to use this as a way to bring your workplace or friends together in the spirit of community, reach out to Amanda Kreiger amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca. This event is sponsored by Maglin Site Furniture.



Student Stairclimb

The power of school spirit! Each year, all seven high schools in Oxford County come together in support of community through the work of United Way Oxford! Each student is given the opportunity to fundraise for this event, and then come together, and climb the stairs of the Southwood Arena in Woodstock. Prizes are presented to the top 3 fundraisers, and the school that collectively fundraises the most, wins the coveted Stairclimb Trophy which they can proudly display for the school year. This event takes place the first Thursday in November. This event is proudly sponsored by Meridian Credit Union.



UDodge

Since 2015, United Way Oxford's signature dodgeball tournament brings together organizations, donors, volunteers and individuals from all across Oxford County for an epic day of dodging fun and competition. Participation in this event has provided players with the opportunity to connect with their peers and community with both cause and purpose. With tons of amazing prizes up for grabs, everyone wins when you know you're supporting your local community! For more information, reach out to amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca. The tournament takes place in April and is sponsored by Canadian Tire Woodstock.



Supplies4Students

The Supplies 4 Students program, launched in 2016, gives direct support to vulnerable and marginalized families as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Each year, more families are counting on us to lend them a hand as they prepare for their return to school in the fall. Together, we are able to provide resources of schools supplies to hundreds of students across our community, allowing families a bit more flexibility around their school expenses. Donations for this program are always welcome and appreciated. To donate to the Supplies 4 Students program, simply visit www.unitedwayoxford.ca/donate. For more information how to register your child for support through the program, visit our website during the month of July, www.unitedwayoxford.ca.



Seeing is Believing Tours

Want to learn more about the work of United Way? Join us for a Seeing is Believing Tour! This opportunity will take you on a tour to visit some of the organizations that receive funding from United Way Oxford, and hear stories about the lives we touch, every day. Whether you come on your own, or want to bring along a friend, colleague or workplace team, we're happy to accommodate groups of any size. We also offer half or full day tours. Simply reach out to lindsay@unitedwayoxford.ca and we'll be happy to get you organized and share more information on this memorable experience. Seeing is Believing Tours take place year round.



Coldest Night of the Year Walks: Tillsonburg and Ingersoll

Homelessness and poverty are a struggle for all communities. As the winter months roll in, these challenges are heightened by those faced with these conditions. Finding opportunities to come together as a community and raise funds specifically to support accessible resources for those fighting homelessness is the beauty of the Coldest Night of the Year. By focusing on peer-to-peer fundraising, we have the ability to bring friends, family, colleagues and community members together to warm the hearts of those living in poverty here in Oxford County. If you would like to learn more about this event, or to sign up a team for our next one, reach out to kelly@unitedwayoxford.ca. Coldest Night of the Year takes place on the third Saturday in February. GM Canada is the title sponsor for the event in Ingersoll.



Giving Tuesday

What better reason to give back to your community than this international celebration of sharing care and kindness to those in our community. Whether it's showing kindness to a stranger, surprising someone special in your life with an act of kindness, or even by simply supporting 1 in 5 Oxford County residents through United Way Oxford by making a donation, the spirit of Giving Tuesday is it to make Oxford County a warmer place for us all during this chilly season. To make a Giving Tuesday donation, visit www.unitedwayoxford.ca/donate. Giving Tuesday's international event occurs in late November or early December.



Community United Conversation Series

Knowledge is power! When you understand the specific needs of your community, and the resources available, you can better understand what we can do to support positive growth and understanding in Oxford County. Each Community United Conversation brings local organizations together to discuss the work being done, to shed light on a variety of topics that affect our community each and every day. Join us virtually for the live chat, or check it out when it suits you most. Just visit www.unitedwayoxford.ca/community-united-conversation/ to watch our previous conversations, or reach out to amanda@unitedwayoxford.ca to register and be notified for upcoming conversations.



November Burger

November Burger is all about supporting local! It brings new and returning customers to local eateries, all while raising funds for local needs, right here in our community! November Burger is sure to be an event that people look forward to every year – and what better way to give back than by enjoying burgers together?! Restaurants show their #LocalLove in Action by becoming a participant and creating a signature 'November Burger' and members of our community and workplaces are encouraged to partake in going out and trying various Novemberburgers. \$2 per Novemberburger sold is donated back to the United Way Oxford. Participating restaurants compete with each other for the title of Top Novemberburger of the Year, Most Novemberburgers Sold, and People's Choice (Top 3). This event is sponsored by Sierra Construction. For more information contact Megan Poter megan@unitedwayoxford.ca.