

## COMMUNITY INNOVATION TEAM – JOB OPPORTUNITY

### United Way Centre for Community Innovation

United Way of Chatham-Kent is very excited to announce that its “COMMUNITY INNOVATION TEAM” Internship Project contribution has been approved by the Community Futures Development Corporation of Chatham-Kent – Community Adjustment Fund. This particular program is focussed on retaining youth in Chatham-Kent by providing internships to young secondary or post-secondary graduates, less than 30 years of age and living in Chatham-Kent to help them gain a positive work experience in a Chatham-Kent business.

In collaboration with other community partners, United Way has created a unique and innovative project designed to provide work experience in the social services sector of the community. The “Community Innovation Team” will be comprised of at least six interns who will share their respective skill-sets and collaborate on the development of several operational plans to:

1. enhance the **Bushels of Hope** Program
2. investigate the introduction of **Farm Start**
3. expand the one-day “**Christmas ... Down on the Farm**” Event to an annual agri-tourism destination event and community festival
4. expand the existing **Community Gardens** project throughout Chatham-Kent
5. explore the establishment of a **Special Events Loan Cupboard** for Chatham-Kent
6. provide a **Grant Writer** to identify potential funding opportunities for the organizations housed at “The 425” in order to sustain innovative community-building projects/programs
7. develop and maintain **web-sites** and explore the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to promote the good work of the organizations housed at “The 425”
8. assist in the completion of an asset mapping exercise to **inventory poverty reduction strategies** and
9. continue the work of the **Local Drug Strategy** by beginning the implementation of the strategy presented to Municipal Council on 2009 SEP 28

All interns will be housed at the United Way Centre for Community Innovation, located at 425 McNaughton Avenue West in Chatham.

Interns chosen for the Community Innovation Team will demonstrate a commitment to the values guiding the work of United Way – transparency, accountability, innovation, collaboration, respect, integrity, inclusiveness, responsibility, leadership, results and learning. Candidates with previous experience in the not-for-profit sector, a valid driver’s license and computer skills will be given preference. All interns will report to an Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of the United Way and its various community partners.

Full-time positions will be remunerated at a rate of \$450.00 per week plus an allowance in lieu of employee benefits. The salary is based on a 35-hour work week (full-time) but job sharing is an option which may be considered. Interns will be expected to begin their placements mid-January 2010. Should CFDCCK funding continue beyond 2010 MAR 31, each of the current interns will be given an opportunity to apply for an extension to their work term with the project.

All candidates are encouraged to indicate, in their cover letters, their individual preferences for the above-noted projects.

Deadline for applications is **Monday, 2010 JAN 04 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications should be addressed electronically to: The Community Innovations Team Advisory Committee at [info@unitedway.chatham-kent.on.ca](mailto:info@unitedway.chatham-kent.on.ca).