

United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes



Community Voices Community Spirit Community Matters



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Engaging Communities Building Communities

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Message from the Executive Director



**Penny Barton Dyke,
Executive Director**

Nothing in life stands still. Evolution and changes occur every day in all life forms. “Community life” is similar. Social dynamics, demographics, political structure and individuals’ needs alter. The challenge for leaders, like United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes is to recognize the changes, and react to make lives better and make donor dollars have the best impact possible. Supported by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we along with 16 other small rural United Ways have traveled a unique road of opportunity. It’s a pathway that made sense at the time of the application and has become more worthwhile to traverse. People working together to identify community needs in order to work toward solutions is an effective method to identify: key priorities, utilize local resources more effectively, set realistic goals and make real changes that will have impact now and for the immediate future.

As a collaborative, and as individual United Ways, we have begun a process to identify community needs at the grassroots level that focuses on people in their “own” communities. It has led to neighbors, friends, service providers, employers, and business leaders coming together to identify “their” community’s priorities.

United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes – Mission Statement

**“To promote the
organized
capacity of
people in the
City of Kawartha
Lakes to care
for one another”**

With voices of pride, citizens have shared, no boasted about: their history, what works well in their communities, and yes even identified areas of concern or challenge. Karen Anderson, the Community Matters Coordinator, was chosen to lead the project because of her facilitation skills, one of which includes the ability to listen with a caring ear. Seventeen communities welcomed her to church halls, Lions’ halls, and community centres to share their experiences and knowledge over a ‘cup of tea’. It has been very evident that every citizen who attended cares about their hamlet, town or village. They also have wisdom and insight into the growing social pressures. They see that social challenges continue and sometimes feel solutions are stalled, despite the services that exist.

Thank you to the people who stepped forward and participated in our community consultations. Your voice and spirit provides vision and hope. Collectively our voices can mean progressive change.

Message from the *Community Matters* Coordinator



**Karen Anderson
Community Matters
Coordinator**

Beginning a new initiative is always a scary proposition. What will the community reaction be? Who will I meet and what will they have to say? Will this program make a difference that is felt across our City?

From the start of *Community Matters*, I was greeted with enthusiasm, willingness and a “let’s get going” attitude. Residents from Kinmount to Bethany, Woodville to Bobcaygeon, shared their community’s rich history, the unique challenges of rural living and a clear vision for the future.

As Coordinator for the *Community Matters* program I have had the pleasure of meeting many people who actively participate in their community as volunteers, business people, and caregivers. Through their community voices and community spirit, we have the power to work together to tackle the tough issues we face today.

The United Way staff pulled together as a team to develop the survey. Andrew Oliver, our Rural Development Officer, spent countless hours assisting and ensuring that we had a top notch document both in hard copy and on our website.

It is my hope that by the end of this project, citizens from every region within the City of Kawartha Lakes will feel that they had the opportunity to express their opinions in this process and that they can take ownership in the changes that will develop when citizens, organizations, agencies and government work together.

We’d love to hear from you!

Please let us know your comments, concerns and questions regarding any aspect of our *Community Matters* program.

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The Process

The step-by-step process United Way CKL followed was equally important as the information we received through our discussion groups and survey.

We have been well guided in our format by our lead agency, United Way of Leeds and Grenville. All of the collaborative agencies have kept in regular contact to share challenges and success stories.

It is our hope that the lessons learned from connecting with our rural communities will allow United Way CKL to continue to build healthier, stronger communities. We are proud that this program has been a true “team effort”!

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Background about our community

Victoria County was formally established in 1860. It was comprised of the Townships of: Bexley, Carden, Dalton, Eldon, Emily, Fenelon, Laxton, Digby, Longford, Manvers, Mariposa, Ops, Somerville and Verulam. Our first settlers were mainly Irish and Scottish folks and in the early days of our history, lumbering was a main industry¹. Today, our top three sectors are²:

1. Manufacturing
2. Retail Trade
3. Health & Social Service

In November 2003 amalgamation restructuring of Victoria County created the City of Kawartha Lakes. Today, our growing and vibrant community covers an area of 3,059.22 square kilometers. In 2001, Statistics Canada showed our population to be 69,179. The City of Kawartha Lakes predicts that the population will be 83,660³ by the year 2011.

Many towns, villages and hamlets make up our City and each one is unique and distinct with a strong sense of community pride. Our residents are caring, supportive and innovative. They have a strong vision for the future but draw on lessons learned from history.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for all of the smaller United Ways to share, learn and envision strategically how we can best serve our local communities.”

**Judith Baril,
Executive Director
United Way of Leeds
and Grenville**

¹ Trent University Archives: Victoria County Census, Biography/History www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives

² Statistic Canada Census 2001: Industry-Standard

³ City of Kawartha Lakes: Adjusted 2001 and population projections, June 04

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Laura Barta, President
Board of Directors,
United Way for the
City of Kawartha
Lakes

**“As the Board
President, I feel
we take our
direction from
the community.
This process is
giving us a
better idea of
what each
community is
concerned about
today.”**

Opportunity for change

The timing was perfect when United Way CKL was approached to join hands with the *Community Matters* collaborative. Traditionally a funding agency, we realized that change was needed to not only better support our member agencies, but to enhance and understand our communities' changing needs.

Our role as a community builder has begun to be defined. The services and programs that our member agencies give are invaluable to area citizens. As well, many service providers offer quality support that fills specific needs. Still, there were growing challenges being identified by our rural population that were not being addressed.

Reaching out and connecting with people of all ages and backgrounds throughout our City was an exciting opportunity for growth that we could not refuse. Opportunity for United Way CKL to review how we fund through the eyes of our citizens is a challenging proposition that addresses our future.

This information is a snapshot in time, of how people perceive their community. We have identified issues from comment sheets, actual voiced comments at meetings, and the hard data from the survey.

United Way CKL is at a crucial point where we have the ability and leadership to collaborate with our agencies, funders, concerned citizens and community organizations to face current issues and challenges. By joining our voices together, and with the support of *Community Matters*, our impact within the City of Kawartha Lakes will be strong.

Community Matters

What is Community Matters?

In January 2005, 17 of the smallest United Ways in Ontario received an unprecedented amount of \$594,800 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This money was to implement the *Community Matters* program over a three year period.

This grant was unique in that it was the largest single grant ever made by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the largest collaborative effort within the United Way movement to date.

“We’re delighted to invest \$594,800 in an excellent project that will have high impact across the province. Of course, we’re very pleased to support the United Way movement which, like our Foundation, has the privilege and responsibility to support a large diversity of needs.”

**Helen Burstyn,
Board Chair
Ontario Trillium
Foundation**

Four distinct phases were to be implemented from January 05 through to May 07 that would involve our entire community. Specific goals were:

1. To gain a deeper understanding of our communities
2. To identify our community’s assets, challenges, opportunities and dreams
3. To support community visioning and assist in solving community problems
4. To invest in and support strategies for positive community change
5. To lay the foundation for United Way-Centraide strategic plans
6. To support community planning and collaboration

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Phase I – Community Discussion Groups

Connecting with community leaders, businesses, government, active volunteers, service providers, and organizations throughout our City was our first challenge. We wanted to include people from all areas, backgrounds, and ages who had a passion for where they lived, worked, and volunteered. Though we have many towns and villages within our borders, it was equally important to reach out to the most rural and isolated areas of our city.

The key to the success of our consultations was: giving citizens a voice, respecting opinions, promoting networking amongst residents and sharing solutions. We chose a structured format, but kept the sessions open and relaxed. Each session had Karen Anderson as Facilitator, and a volunteer who recorded minutes.

Within a limited budget, advertising was done primarily through: word of mouth, e- mail invitations, posters, media and individual letters to community leaders. We had no expectations as to numbers of participants and felt that those who attended had an “ear to their community” and a ripple effect would be created throughout the region as a result.

A total of 17 community consultations were held with overall participation of 139 people.

“I think the United Way is a Godsend to the community and we should all do our part to support it when and however we can”

Lindsay survey respondent

- Woodville Open to residents
- Bethany Open to residents
- Pontypool Open to residents
- Dalrymple Seniors group
- Kirkfield Open to residents
- Lindsay Non profit/Service Providers
- Lindsay 2817 RC Army Cadets CC
- Bolsover Ontario Early Years – Moms and Tot group
- Bobcaygeon Open to residents
- Fenelon Falls Open to residents
- Lindsay Fleming College student council and staff
- Kinmount Ontario Early Years – Moms and Tot group
- Little Britain Open to residents
- Lindsay Open to residents
- Little Britain Community Care – Caregivers support group
- Coboconk Community Care – Caregivers support group
- Omemee Open to residents

The format for each discussion group was simple. An overview on United Way and the *Community Matters* program was followed by the following four discussion questions:

1. **What works well in your community?**
2. **What challenges does your community face?**
3. **What factors contributed to these challenges?**
4. **Do you have any solutions?**

Participants broke off into small groups, and their community’s challenges were discussed. When brought back together, the issues were presented, and ideas and solutions followed. To fully include all thoughts and concerns, participants were given a list of issues, and asked to indicate their top three overall. If one was missed, it could be added. This ensured that all concerns were noted and anonymity was assured.

“We have it all – yet we are not bringing it together”

Bobcaygeon discussion group participant

We were impressed by the caring, candor and openness shared by all of our participants. Those who were hesitant soon joined in the conversation knowing that people (perhaps for the first time) were listening to their thoughts and respecting their own unique perspective. This was the chance to come together as friends, neighbors, business people and volunteers to make a difference to the place they called “home”.

From these meetings came intimate knowledge about the “spirit” of each community. We found that residents consider where they live unique and were reluctant to have their community linked with another. Yet, again

and again, their stories and personal experiences echoed throughout our travels.

We heard first person accounts of our amazing Emergency Response Services, and heartfelt stories surrounding times of crisis when agencies sprang into action. Tragedies brought entire neighborhoods together, and dedicated volunteers delivered compassion, friendship and hugs to those in need.

Yet, there were statements that resounded at each meeting throughout the City:

"It was great meeting with other community members in a comfortable setting. We were able to discuss openly how we felt and knew that our suggestions were taken seriously."

- We need more volunteers!
- I can't get to the services that are being offered.
- How can our community take care of our seniors?
- Our teens are bored.
- I need a job.
- Where do I get information on programs and services?

The *Community Matters* program was also highlighted at several presentations to a total of 91 people.

- Royal Canadian Legion – Lindsay Ladies Auxiliary Branch 67
- Children's Services Council
- HKPR Health Unit
- Victoria County Service Providers

Blanche Bell,
Valentia resident

At these sessions, individuals were also given the opportunity to ask questions, and to complete an issue slip on their own community.

Top Three Issues From Community Discussion Groups

Community	Top Issues	Quotes from discussion group
<p>Lindsay – 2817 RC Army Cadets (CC) October 18, 2005</p> <p>Note: This group identified top issues facing teenagers living in the City of Kawartha Lakes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding a job 2. Social activities 3. Stress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need Friday night events – coffee houses where teenagers can sit and talk • If you keep kids active – you will keep them off the street • Busses need to run longer so that teenagers can get to and from their jobs after school
<p>Little Britain – Community Care “Caregiver Support Group” October 20, 2005 Note: This group identified top issues as caregivers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding a doctor 2. Coordination of services 3. Resources on information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of information – I drove to Peterborough monthly and didn’t know that the Canadian Cancer Society would have helped us – no one told us
<p>Kinmount – Ontario Early Years “Moms and Tots Group” October 24, 2005</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing 2. Employment 3. Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need more affordable housing • Is it possible to have an entrepreneurial program for small businesses? • We have been fundraising for a skateboard park – but still do not have enough money
<p>Lindsay – Not for Profit agencies who support clients within CKL November 08, 2005</p> <p>Note: This group identified top issues for the Not for Profit sector</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drugs 2. Youth 3. Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking – there is a willingness (amongst agencies) to discuss information and knowledge • Information age (technology) demands more knowledge • We need more support services for youth

Community	Top Issues	Quotes from discussion group
Bolsover – Ontario Early Years “Moms and Tots group” November 09, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthcare 2. Finding a doctor 3. Accessing services and Parenting (tied) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No licensed daycare – I take my child to Beaverton and that is expensive • We have to travel outside of the community for healthcare • Transportation is an issue – not much is within walking distance
Pontypool November 10, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth 2. Volunteerism 3. Finding a doctor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together to get more partnering within community • For doctor situation – could we have a community committee up and running? • No opportunities for teens for activities or jobs
Little Britain November 15, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation 2. Healthcare 3. Accessing Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our “mittens and muffins” program gives Seniors a great way to donate to the community • Transportation issues affect all areas (flu shots, programming, etc...) • There is a lack of information about available services

Community	Top Issues	Quotes from discussion group
Woodville November 24, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth 2. Transportation 3. Seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a newsletter that is circulated to 1400 homes! • Drugs with teens and youth • We need more transportation for all ages
Fleming College – Staff and Student Association November 17, 2005 Note: This group identified top issues facing students at Fleming College	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have never seen a Lindsay bus! • Better bus service between Lindsay and Peterborough • Daycare is hard to find (on campus) and there are long waiting lists
Bobcaygeon November 22, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding a doctor 2. Youth 3. Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of health services i.e. optometrist, dentist, hearing aid centre, chiropractor, doctors, etc... • Seniors need housing, apartments and rental • A youth drop- in centre is needed
Bethany February 01, 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth 2. Seniors 3. Accessing Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community needs to “step up” and mentor teens • Transportation is a huge issue in this area for seniors • We need a listing of programs available and how do you apply for Trillium funding?

Community	Top Issues	Quotes from discussion group
<p>Dalrymple February 07, 2006</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthcare 2. Environment 3. Seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water in our Community Centre has been undrinkable for 3 or 4 years • Is there money available to fund a “team” to bring a doctor to the area? • Could there be a central place where people could come and find out about volunteering opportunities?
<p>Fenelon Falls February 23, 2006</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth 2. Volunteerism 3. Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a drop-in centre using one of the stores not occupied • Cost of gas exceeds payments to volunteers • We need rental places for: families, seniors, singles



Realtors CARE event – July 2006

Community	Top Issues	Quotes from discussion group
<p>Coboconk - Community Care “Caregivers support group” February 24, 2006</p> <p>Note: This group identified top issues as caregivers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time to concentrate on self 2. Access to support 3. No time for: self, shopping, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who, where do you call (for services)? • A secretarial service using volunteers would be helpful • We need services where there is a telephone # in local area
<p>Kirkfield March 27, 2006</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation 2. Youth 3. Healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need more drivers for medical appointments • We need help to develop activities for children • There is no physio, massage, chiropractor in our area

Note: Our Omemee and Lindsay discussion groups that were open to the public, did not have enough attendees to be included in this chart



Courtesy of The Daily Post

Groucho Marx Community Event October 2005

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"I am pleased that the survey was initiated and with the information collected Community leaders will have the tools to develop partnerships and work together in improving services in our Communities."

**Mayor Barbara Kelly
City of Kawartha Lakes**

Phase II – City-wide survey

Using all of the vital information gathered from our community consultations, we set out to design a survey that would be: accessible to all residents age 14 and over, easy to follow, and allow opinions to be expressed.

We hoped to breakdown issues even further, allowing residents to decide what was an issue not only for their family, but as well to indicate what they felt was an issue for their community.

The result of many long hours, meetings, proof reading, and a test survey, was a four page survey that we felt highlighted all areas that residents had indicated important. As well, participants could also comment on several questions which related specifically to United Way CKL.

Surveys were distributed throughout our City, at all Municipal Service Centres and Public Libraries, MP Barry Devolin's office, United Way member agencies, RMH Hospital, City Hall, area Churches, and many other locations. It was also available through our web site to be completed on-line. All surveys could be completed anonymously, and many people took advantage of this to be completely candid on community issues.

From April 15, 2006 – May 30, 2006, area residents completed 709 surveys, giving us a 1% return rate of our total City of Kawartha Lakes population. This was the goal set by the Community Matters collaborative lead agency, United Way Leeds and Grenville. A summary of the results from our survey are included in this report.

Survey preamble

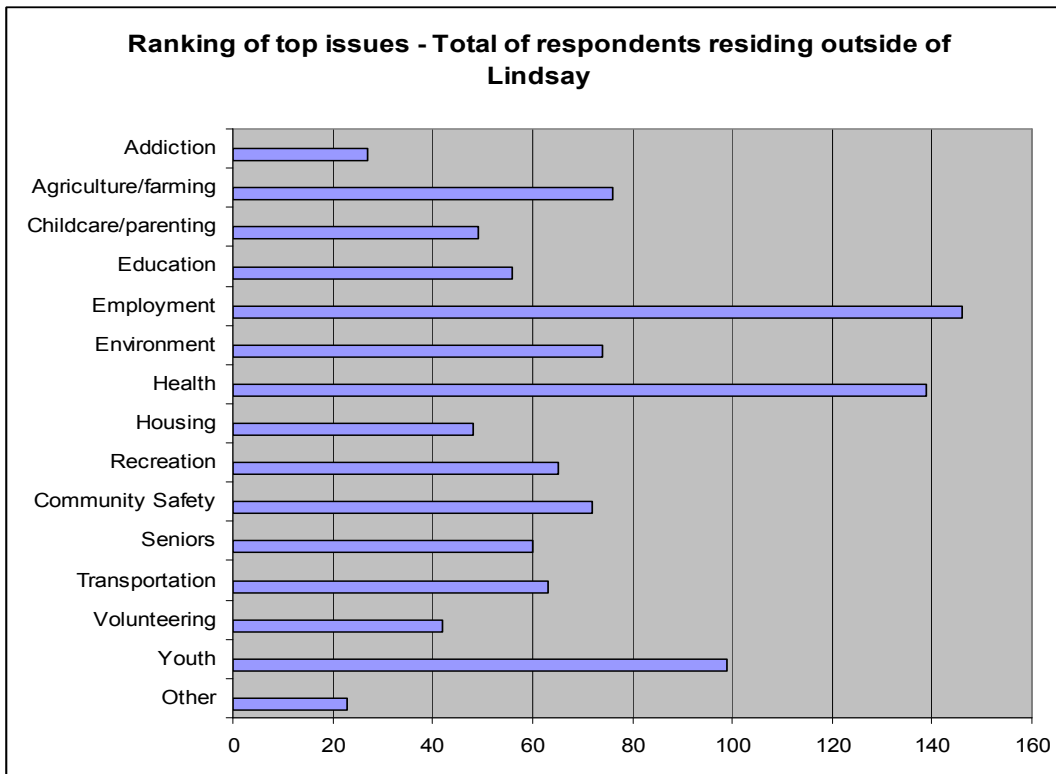
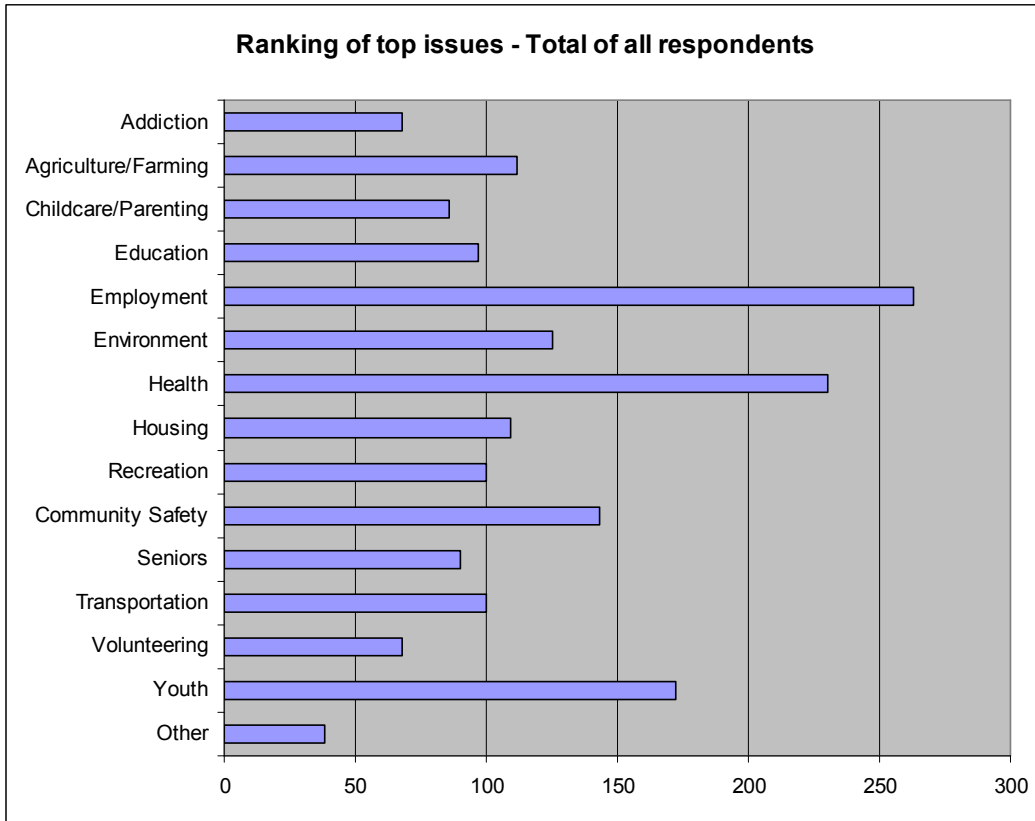
As with all projects, our survey came with its own share of challenges. Although we received a total of 709 surveys, 51 were incomplete because only certain sections had been filled in or not enough information was given. We received eight surveys after the closing date and we were unable to include this data into the demographics. Therefore, the demographics are for 650 complete surveys.

Respondents to our survey were given options where they could indicate if an issue was a challenge for their family and/or their community.

Survey Demographics

Gender		How long have you lived in your community?	
Male	169	Less than one year	28
Female	481	1 – 4 years	84
		5 – 9 years	86
		10+ years	445
Number of people in your household		Number of children in your household under 18	
1 – 2	338	None	404
3 – 4	234	1	84
5 – 6	72	2	108
7+	6	3	35
		4	10
		5+	2
Occupation – Select all that apply		Do you farm?	
Employed full time	262	Yes	46
Employed part time	71	No	604
Self employed	107		
Not employed – not looking	29		
Not employed – looking	23		
High school student	34		
College/University	53		
Retired	117		

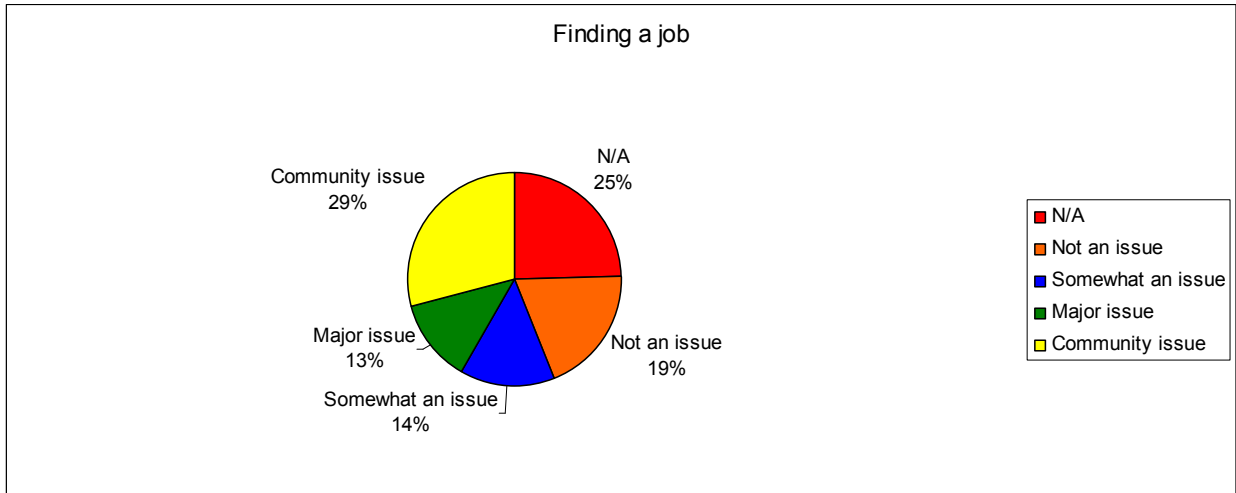
Ranking of top issues



Highlights of top three issues for the City of Kawartha Lakes

Issue # 1 - Employment

Finding a job

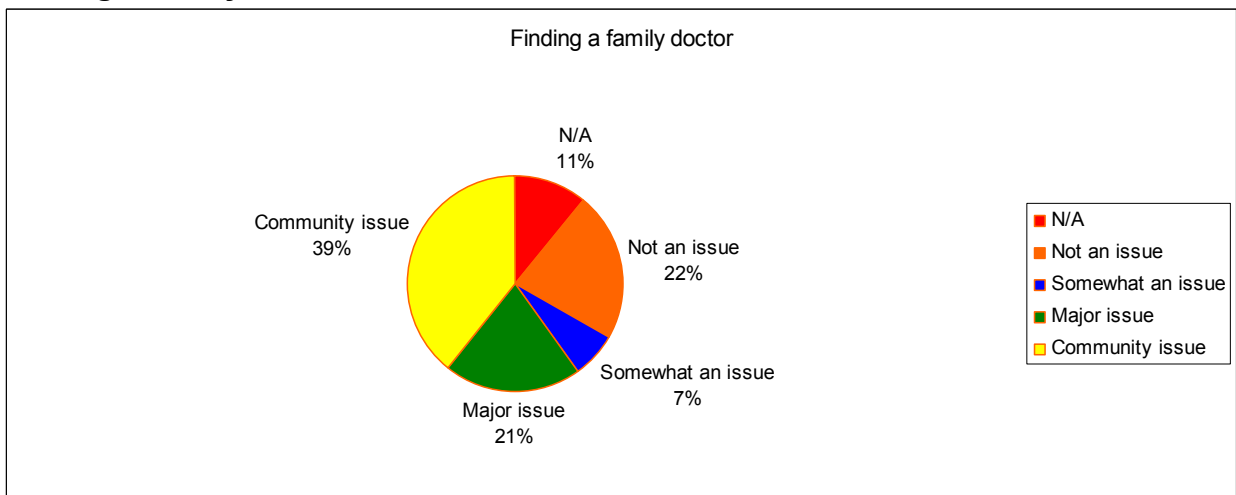


Quotes from survey:

- Job opportunity is an issue in rural settings due to traveling, childcare resources and job availability
- Most people do not want to be on welfare, they want to work for a living and not make \$6.00 per hour
- Ways to provide better jobs that are not minimum wage to support those families would be helpful

Issue # 2 – Health

Finding a family doctor



Health Issues continued....

Can you easily find information on?

	Yes	No
Community health programs	72.23%	27.77%
Community agency programs	70.43%	29.57%
Financial assistance for medical needs	41.32%	58.68%
Palliative/Bereavement programs	69.76%	30.24%
Mental Health programs	65.48%	34.52%
Services for abuse	73.33%	16.16%
Services for addiction	68.09%	31.91%

Quotes from survey:

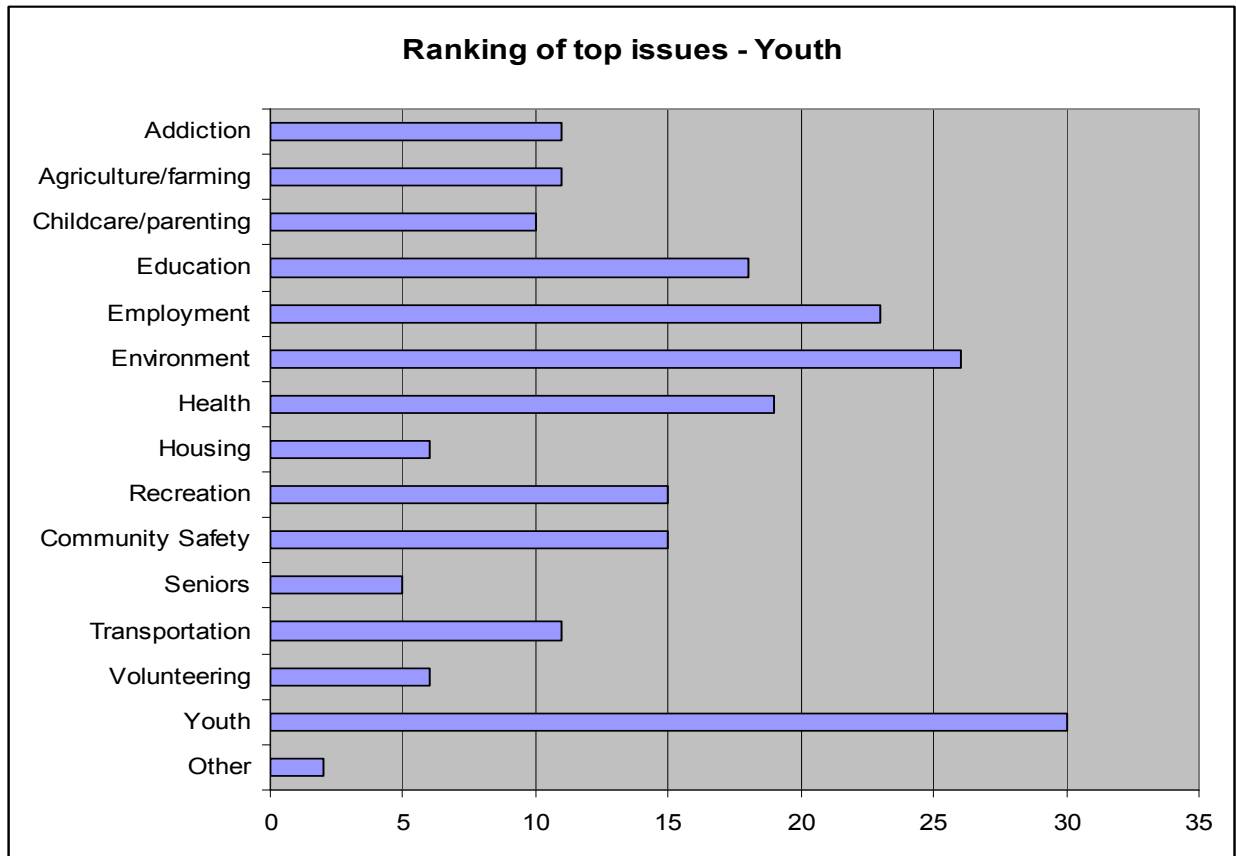
- I would like to see a program for seniors where we can apply for assistance for glasses and hearing aids. We are in need of these two items because we cannot afford it!!
- A lot more needs to go into teen pregnancy and teen drug abuse
- The question about dental/eye care/medications being affordable – I answered “yes” but I struggle with these costs because we have no benefits, however I consider them a necessity so we cut out other things so we can pay for medical and dental care



Little Ducklings” – Coboconk Duck Derby August 2006

Issue # 3 – Youth

Top issues for Youth indicated by respondents who attend: High School, College, University.



Quotes from survey:

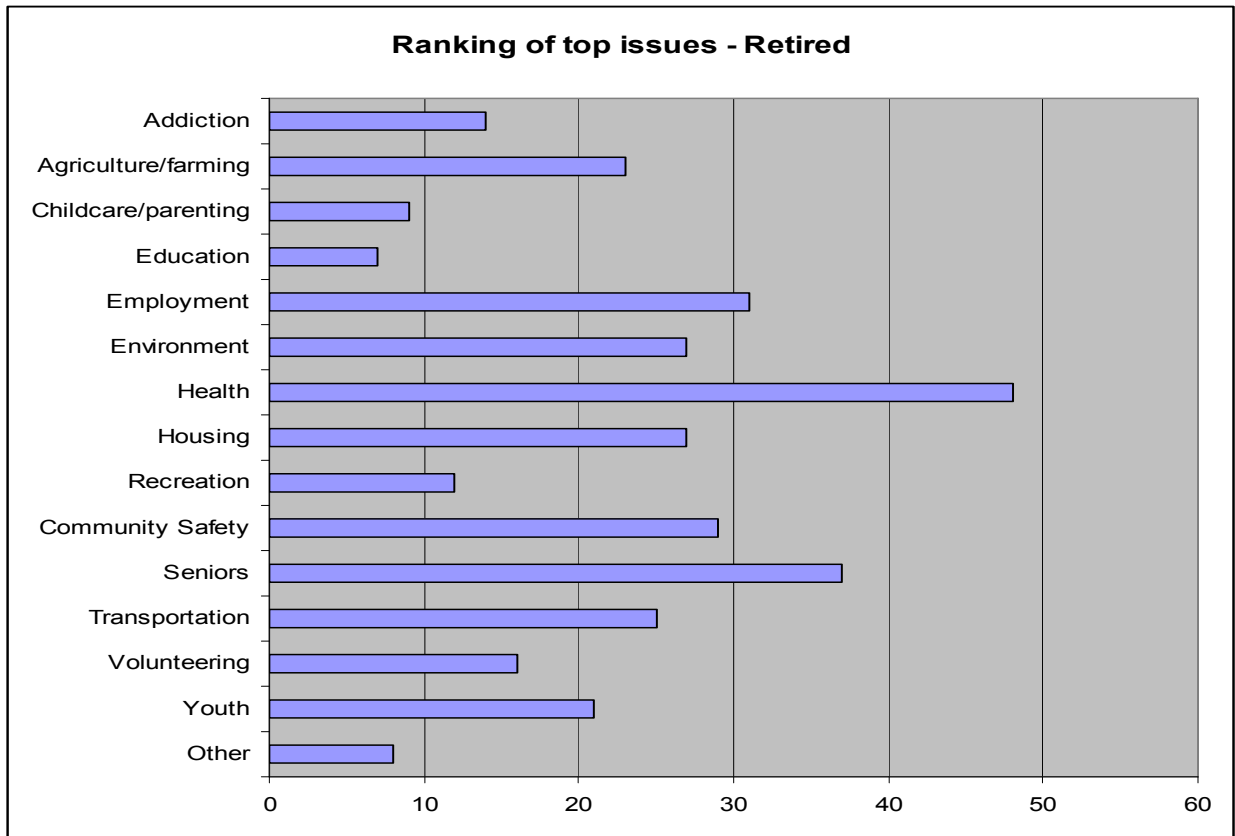
- HELP US TEENS – WE ARE BORED TO DEATH!
- Lets get some youth programs and rec programs to keep the youth busy
- I hate seeing teens “hanging out” on the streets
- More energy needs to be put into creating community pride in local youth and citizens. I recommend programs that teach kids about local ecology and all the resources it takes to run a community
- Our teens – they don’t have a whole lot of places to go, and if they just would like to go hang out, they tend to have their parents nagging on them, due to the large numbers of drugs and alcohol



“I think it’s important for kids my age to let United Way know what we need”

Gina Anderson - Lindsay

Top issues for respondents who indicated that they were retired



Day of Caring – Painting the Canadian Red Cross back porch – May 2006

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Phase III – Town Hall Meetings

We are presently returning to eight communities where discussion groups were previously held. It is vital for us to report our findings and discuss issues that citizens told us were important for their family and their community. We have ensured that all communities and regions will be represented in the statistics at Town Hall meetings.

The discussion groups and survey gave United Way a “snapshot” of many communities. There was still a need, we felt, to further explore issues, solutions and visions for the future amongst residents.

Each Town Hall meeting will have four components:

1. Presentation of findings from discussion groups and survey
2. Open discussion on issues
3. Opportunity to discuss solutions
4. Vision for the future

These meetings will help us to collaborate with citizens who want to bring about change. We also hope to create valuable networking opportunities amongst residents. This networking will facilitate the development of future action committees. The role of these committees will be to discuss and plan a strategic approach to each issue.

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Phase IV - Making decisions/Creating change

United Way CKL knows that the *Community Matters* program is just the beginning. Though the progress can feel slow, a firm foundation needs to be put into place first. Connecting with people who have the time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm takes effort as does securing funding for future programs and initiatives.

Several key connections have been initiated as a result of the Community Discussion groups and survey information to date:

- As a result of the Bethany discussion group – Community Care has initiated a new Diners Club for local seniors

“In our community, the group you met with was very enthused by the project and the interest, but I think a bit skeptical that anything will come of it. I think that effective follow-up and sharing of information that comes out of the project is important in every community”

Pontypool survey respondent

- Residents from the Kirkfield discussion group had questions surrounding safety issues. United Way facilitated a meeting for area residents with OPP Inspector Walli and Constable. Byrne
- Penny Barton Dyke, United Way Executive Director met with MPP Laurie Scott regarding the Community Matters program and some of the top issues in September 2006
- Karen Anderson and Penny Barton Dyke had an informative meeting in August 06 with: Fire Chief Guilbault, OPP Inspector Walli, and Lindsay Police Services Chief Haggarty
- Joan Connolly, Canadian Hearing Society was able to identify and provide support to several deaf, deafened and hard of hearing individuals that would not have known about their programs

“The dialogue and meeting formats were ideal for developing partnerships, understanding challenges and needs. I found attending the meetings provided me with unique information and insights that I would have not developed anywhere else.”

**Joan Connolly,
Canadian Hearing
Society**

Plans are in progress to create a “Rural Forum” in early 2007. This will be an opportunity for people throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes to come together, share ideas, hear great speakers, visit displays, attend workshops and network.

Possible workshop topics include:

- Creating a community newsletter
- Involving our Youth
- Communicating with your local media as a community
- Writing a grant proposal
- Volunteering in the rural community

United Way is looking towards the future to actively involve our agencies, funders and community groups to combat some of the issues throughout our City.

Our priority will always be fundraising to support our Member Agencies in the valuable services that they provide but we have the ability right now to lead the way in building healthier, stronger, more vibrant communities. Facilitating change is more than making a financial impact. These changes will bring together our community voices, and our community spirit – our *Community Matters* program will make a significant difference to the lives of the people who call the City of Kawartha Lakes home.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

We could not have accomplished our community discussion groups, and survey without the team effort of many people! To the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we offer our sincere thanks for providing the funding for our Community Matters collaborative.

All of our hard work would have counted for nothing if we did not having willing people ready to step up, and have their voices heard. Thanks to all of the participants of the discussion groups and to those who took the time to complete surveys. Your comments, (200 people added additional comments to their surveys) were heartfelt, provoking, straight talking and we have “heard” each one.

We wish to acknowledge the contributions of:

- Community Care Kawartha Lakes for allowing us to have discussion groups with their Lindsay and Fenelon Falls “Caregiver support groups”
- Ontario Early Years for making the arrangements for Community Matters to have two discussion groups with their Bolsover and Kinmount “Moms and Tots group”
- 2817 RC Army CC for inviting us to speak with 12 of their cadets
- Fleming College for arranging a small discussion group of staff and members of the student council
- City of Kawartha Lakes for providing us with a map of the City

Our thanks to the following, for allowing us to use their facility at no cost:

- Little Britain Community Baptist Church
- Woodville United Church
- Bethany United Church
- Sebright Community Centre
- Specialty Care Case Manor – Bobcaygeon
- Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation, Lindsay Branch
- Lions Club Community Centre – Coboconk

We wish to acknowledge the many individuals, agencies and organizations for distributing our survey throughout the City including:

- City of Kawartha Lakes for distributing the surveys to all libraries, Municipal Service Centres and Town Hall
- Ross Memorial Hospital
- MP Barry Devolin
- Mayor Barb Kelly and Members of Council
- Little Britain Community Baptist Church
- Bethany United Church

Thanks to all of the people who made Community Matters a success!

Dunsford

Bethany

Dalrymple

Cambray

Lindsay

Woodville

Kirkfield

Cameron

Fenelon Falls

Omeme

Valentia

Bobcaygeon

Norland

Little Britain

Pontypool

Downeyville

Burnt River

Janetville

Kinmount

Oakwood

Coboconk.....and many more



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