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The Spirit Awards return to United Way Simcoe Muskoka's Annual General Meeting

Midhurst, ON, June 27, 2023 - United Way Simcoe Muskoka will recognize the achievements of the 2023 fiscal year with its Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2023, at the County of Simcoe Administrative Building in Midhurst.

As part of the event, the United Way is excited to announce the return of the Community Spirit Awards. Community Spirit Awards recognize extraordinary commitment and leadership to our community made by an individual or organization in support of United Way Simcoe Muskoka.

"The funds raised by these organizations for your United Way are directly supporting efforts to promote social inclusion and reduce poverty across our region," said United Way Chief Executive and Philanthropy Officer Brian Shelley. "We look forward to presenting these awards as a way to say thank you to some of the organizations and individuals who are supporting our work."

Organizations being presented with Community Spirit Awards this evening include:

Champion of Change Award

- a) Jessica Smith Canada Revenue Agency
- b) Paul O'Connor Kumi Canada
- c) Nancy Mitchell LCBO
- d) Ben Jackson LCBO
- e) Rob Trevisan LCBO

Community Builder Award

- A. Enbridge Gas
- B. Innovative Automation
- C. Ontario Provincial Police Simcoe Muskoka

Game Changer Award

- a) Beaver Creek Institution
- b) Canadian Forces Base Borden
- c) Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services ODSP Barrie

The Rising Star Award

a) The Township of Lake of Bays

Local media interested in attending United Way Simcoe Muskoka's AGM are to contact Deb Neary at <u>dneary@uwsimcoemuskoka.ca</u>

About United Way Simcoe Muskoka

Poverty touches most aspects of a person's life from food, shelter, and employment, to mental and physical well-being. United Way Simcoe Muskoka seeks to improve lives and build communities by leveraging collective resources and mobilizing collective action to achieve the greatest impact. Through services such as the Urgent Needs Fund and by funding critical services throughout our communities, your United Way is ensuring that residents have the resources and assistance they need to unlock their full potential.

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