

## Media Release

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### **United Way Simcoe Muskoka Free and Confidential Tax Clinics Continue**

**Midhurst, ON, August 4, 2023** – United Way Simcoe Muskoka continues to offer tax preparation clinics to individuals from low-income households across Simcoe County. This free tax preparation service is offered by the local charity through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

“A recent report estimated that anywhere from 10-12% of Canadians don’t file their taxes every year,” says Brian Shelley, Chief Executive and Philanthropy Officer, United Way Simcoe Muskoka. “Many of those folks are from low-income households and are actually missing out on financial supports available to them.”

United Way Simcoe Muskoka introduced this free service earlier this year to meet an identified need in the community. So far this year, United Way volunteers have filed 148 individual tax returns.

Added Shelley, “We are so thankful to all of our volunteers for supporting us in offering this judgement free service to some of our most vulnerable community members.”

To learn more about United Way Simcoe Muskoka’s Free Tax Clinic, email [taxclinic@uwsimcoemuskoka.ca](mailto:taxclinic@uwsimcoemuskoka.ca) or call 1-866-496-6805

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### **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, United Way Simcoe Muskoka is ensuring that residents have the resources and assistance they need to unlock their full potential.

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