

## ***For Immediate Release***

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(Stratford, ON):

### **Youth Grants to inspire community leadership and build empathy in young citizens of Perth County.**

The United Way in Perth County are partnering with The Perth District Health Unit and local youth to help build connections and engagement with their community. Several youth led initiatives will aim at increasing the awareness of their peers and the wider community about local social issues. Youth leaders each submitted a proposal to the United Way of Perth County's Youth Board for consideration and approval and include the following:

- anti-bullying workshops
- barrier-free recreation opportunities
- homelessness awareness initiatives
- art, culture and etiquette experiences
- youth taught music instruction and enrichment for underprivileged children

These activities aim to provide creative and meaningful opportunities for the students to reflect on, engage with and take action on social challenges in their community.

Helping youth to seek out and engage with their communities and to provide valuable opportunities for building empathy and awareness of local social issues, will prepare and inspire these community leaders to be.

The United Way of Perth County would like to urge the community to support their ambitious tasks and to support your local United Way and the agencies it serves in their 2009 campaign.

For more information, please call The United Way of Perth County 519-271-7730.

