



**United Way
of Greater Toronto**

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Chief Justice Roy McMurtry gets proactive on crime at United Way of Greater Toronto's AGM

TORONTO – Crime prevention, youth justice and the role of community were key themes discussed by **Chief Justice Roy McMurtry** in his keynote speech at United Way of Greater Toronto's 48th Annual General Meeting on May 26.

Chief Justice McMurtry, also Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Community Safety, highlighted his commitment to the involvement of all three levels of government in the development of criminal prevention strategies and social issues particularly affecting youth.

McMurtry credits the leadership of United Way's President and **CEO Frances Lankin** for the organization's commitment to building stronger, safer communities with initiatives such as the recently launched Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force. The Task Force, a joint initiative with the City of Toronto, will follow a year-long plan to build multi-pronged solutions for stronger neighbourhoods in Toronto.

Frances Lankin underscored the importance of building stronger communities and the challenges United Way faces in achieving this.

"We will be directing increased resources to programs and services that help youth build a strong future," said President and CEO **Frances Lankin**. "Our attention will focus on neighbourhoods of high social stress with significant gaps in social and community infrastructure."

United Way of Greater Toronto plays a key role in bringing the business, labour and volunteer sector together to fund solutions to community problems. United Way announced seven new board members, including:

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Kamala-Jean Gopie, member of the Immigration and Refugee Board. She holds a Masters of Education from OISE/University of Toronto and has been a committee and board member for several organizations, including United Way.

John Honderich, former publisher of the Toronto Star since 1994 where he worked for the past 28 years. He also serves as Director of Honderich Investments Ltd., a family holding company and contributor to numerous charities.

Julie Lee, Lawyer with Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt. Called to the Ontario Bar in 1980, she has been an active volunteer with United Way since 1999 and is author of numerous articles on tax topics for the Canadian Tax Foundation.

Marie Moliner, Regional Executive Director, Ontario Region, federal Department of Canadian Heritage. Over the past five years, she has worked to identify specific access, outreach and inclusion strategies to enhance the Government of Canada's work with a wide range of stakeholders.

Alnasir Samji, Principal, Towers Perrin, a member and current Chair of United Way of Greater Toronto's Pension and Benefits Committee.

Mahadeo Sukhai, Department of Medical Biophysics with the Princess Margaret Hospital, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Association of Cancer Research. He has tutored students from grade 3 to OAC in mathematics and Science.

Gina Gignac, from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

United Way of Greater Toronto funds a network of 200 social and health service agencies across the city, helping young children lead healthier lives, assisting newcomers to settle in Canada, helping seniors live more independently, supporting abused women and their children and providing shelter and food for homeless people.

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