

UNITED WAY & LABOUR

A HISTORY OF OUR PARTNERSHIP



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“THIS COMMEMORATIVE BOOK HAS BEEN CREATED TO CELEBRATE THE LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LABOUR AND UNITED WAY OF THE ALBERTA CAPITAL REGION.”

LETTER FROM THE LABOUR COUNCIL


On behalf of the Executive Council and Staff of the Edmonton and District Labour Council and its 40,000 members, I am honoured to salute this commemorative edition of the United Way Labour Partnership book.

We have worked hand in hand since the early days of United Way, when it was known as the Community Chest, helping to spread the message of building stronger communities.

Too often people forget that everyday Albertans are also union members and make contributions to their communities by volunteering or participating in United Way Campaigns. We enhance our communities through these partnerships and make improvements to the quality of life that we all enjoy.

My sincere wish is that this partnership continues indefinitely and that we continue to support and strengthen our community.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Henderson', followed by a period.

Brian Henderson
President
Edmonton & District Labour Council

LETTER FROM UNITED WAY

I am always amazed by the sheer number of Labour Unions and their members. Every one of us feels the impact of these unions daily without even realizing it.

Like United Way, our Labour partners seek to build community by working collaboratively with one another. The commonality we share not only defines us as organizations, but defines the hearts of the people within them. We are strong, industrious people often on the forefront of new ideas and methods. We are providers and nourishers, we are philanthropists and volunteers and we are hard-working, community-minded individuals and families.

After going through this commemorative book which celebrates our long history together, you will no doubt come to share our pride in the long-standing partnership between United Way and Labour.

Our relationship has been galvanized by time and effort. United Way of the Alberta Capital Region looks forward to the future of our relationship with our partners in Labour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Smith". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" and last name "Smith" clearly distinguishable.

Anne Smith
President & CEO
United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

BUILDING A STRONGER *COMMUNITY* TOGETHER

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED WAY LABOUR
PARTNERSHIP IN THE ALBERTA CAPITAL REGION

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Labour and United Way of the Alberta Capital Region share the goal of making the community a healthy place to live, work and raise a family. Our partnership was formalized in 1978, when the United Way signed an agreement with the Edmonton and District Labour Council to have a Labour Coordinator on staff working for and with organized labour. Today that partnership is reflected in the Labour Participation Committee, the Union Counsellor program, and a tradition of activity by unionist volunteers that contributes to the United Way's success. But the relationship dates back much further.



THE ORIGINS OF THE *PARTNERSHIP*



One of the first to link Labour and the United Way was Elmer Ernest Roper, who would later become Mayor of Edmonton. A printer by trade, Mr. Roper moved to Edmonton in 1917 and soon became active in the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council. In fact, this publication was printed by ABC Press, now owned and operated by his grandsons, Curtis and Jason Roper. This is the fourth generation of Ropers in the printing industry in Edmonton.



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In May 1941, he was named to the executive committee of the newly formed Community Chest – the forerunner of United Way. The Chest brought together a number of separate fund-raising campaigns into a single drive. Mr. Roper served as president of the Community Chest in 1958 and 1959.

At that time, Mr. Roper issued a warning about the Chest's reserve fund, describing it as "dangerously small" and at risk of quickly disappearing if "one financial campaign were to fail by reason of an economic depression or other cause". In response, a citizens' forum was held under his lead and a group representing industry, business and labour passed a resolution establishing the United Community Fund of Greater Edmonton. At which time, W. J. (Jack) Leavens, secretary of the EDLC, announced that his 5,000 member organization endorsed the "fair share" plan of giving to the Community Chest, and that this

plan would be carried on under the new United Community Fund as Labour's contribution. Labour continued to support the Fund, and through it, residents of greater Edmonton. Labour representatives were at the table in 1973 when the organization became the United Way of Edmonton and Area and, eventually, of the Alberta Capital Region.



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Over the years, brothers and sisters of the union movement have served the community as United Way president, directors, members of the Labour Participation Committee, and Loaned Representatives. Their contributions have helped to make the Capital Region a better place to live.

One of the original interim directors, Jim Shewchuk, President of the Edmonton and District Labour Council (EDLC), remained involved with United Way for the rest of his life. His memory is kept alive through the Jim Shewchuk Award.

THE JIM SHEWCHUK *AWARD*

The Jim Shewchuk Award was established in 1984 to recognize an Edmonton and District Labour Council member for outstanding contributions to the Union, the community and United Way. It is presented at the Labour Appreciation Night, an annual banquet co-hosted by the EDLC and United Way. The event acknowledges and celebrates Labour's achievements – not only in the presentation of the award but by recognizing the previous year's graduates of the Union Counselling Program for their commitment to their co-workers.

The award was designed to depict the universe in the form of a U that stands for United Way, Unions and Unity. The stars are the logos of United Way and various labour organizations. The base is made of oak to reflect Mr. Shewchuk's strong, warm personality. Until his death in 1996, Jim Shewchuk travelled from Calgary every year to attend the Labour Appreciation Night and present the award named in his honour.

Born in 1918, Jim Shewchuk became active in the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers Union while working on the railway.



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In 1958, he became the first president of Edmonton and District Labour Council (EDLC) following the merger of the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council and the Edmonton Labour Council. From 1967 to his retirement in 1983, he was Alberta Representative of the Canadian Labour Congress. Mr. Shewchuk's other contributions included working on the EDLC Welfare Services Committee, playing a key role in the building of the first Edmonton Union Centre, teaching at the EDLC weekend schools and at the AFL/CLC week-long schools, and serving as the first president of the Alberta Union of Retirees, an organization which he helped form. He spent innumerable hours raising funds and promoting United Way and other community organizations.

RECIPIENTS OF THE JIM SHEWCHUK AWARD

1984	Reg Basken, ECWU
1985	Ken Balkwill, CUPE, Local 30
1986	Ted Smithman, CUPE, Local 30
1987	Raymond Laframboise, CAW, Local 4031
1988	Richard Slabysz, CUPE, Local 30
1989	Bert Toppman, CUPE, Local 30
1990	Bob Schimmel, UFCW, Local 280P
1991	Joe Dirksing, CUPW
1992	Anne Ozipko, UGWA, Local 120
1993	Neil Reimer, CEP
1994	Clara Jo Naidoo, SSU, Local 30004 (PSAC)
1995	Jim Connelly, Sr., UFCW, Local 401
1996	Gladys Martin, OPEIU, Local 458
1997	Jack Hubler, Plumbers & Pipefitters UA, Local 488
1998	Dave Thiele, CUPE, Local 30
1999	Barrie Regan, UBCJA, Local 1325
2000	Norma Zopf, PSAC, Local 30070
2001	Jack McMorran, UFCW, Local 401
2002	John Ewasiw, UFCW, Local 1118
2003	Anita Moore, NASA
2004	Bruce Dean, UFCW, Local 401
2005	Jim Woodland, CEP, Local 530A
2006	John Malthouse, CUPE
2007	Maureen Werlin, COPE, Local 458
2008	Douglas Meggison, HSAA
2009	Gary Pucci, UFCW 401



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LABOUR PARTICIPATION *COMMITTEE*

Established in 1983, the Labour Participation Committee provides an opportunity for Labour to support United Way while having its interests heard. Made up of the Labour Coordinator and three other trade union representatives, the committee promotes cooperation between Labour and United Way, including the agencies it funds.

In addition to advising United Way of Labour's interests and concerns, the committee forges new links – or strengthens existing ones – between Labour volunteers and United Way. Through the committee, members of the Labour community are recruited for volunteer positions within United Way, on the annual campaign or in funded agencies. The committee also supports the Union Counsellor Program and makes recommendations on the best course of action in all situations that involve the United Way Labour Partnership.

LABOUR COORDINATOR

The Labour Coordinator position was established in 1978 through an agreement between United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Labour Congress.

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The Labour Coordinator is tasked with promoting and instructing the Union Counselling Program and helping to implement the program in the workplace; acting as a liaison between the Labour community and the social service community; working cooperatively with the Labour Council, Federation of Labour and the CLC (nationally and regionally); and promoting and generating union support for United Way campaigns.



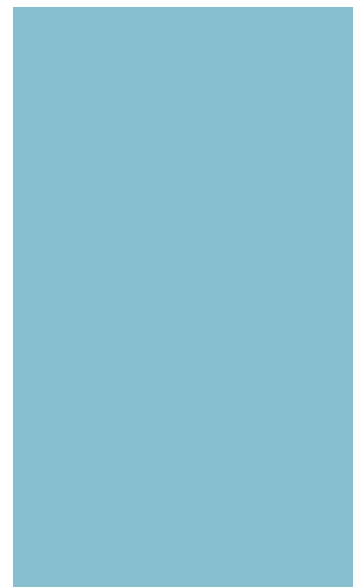
UNION COUNSELLING PROGRAM

The Labour Movement was built on the principle of people helping people. And the Union Counselling Program provides an avenue for union members to help their brothers and sisters who have job related or personal problems. Initiated by the Canadian Labour Congress, the program has been offered by United Way in major Canadian cities since 1978.

Graduates of the program offer guidance, referrals and information to co-workers about problems related to drug or alcohol abuse, gambling, housing, personal finance, and domestic violence.

Through the two-part training course, Union Counsellors learn about services and programs available in the Capital Region. They develop communication and interviewing skills. Then, if requested, they can refer co-workers to a community agency with professionals on staff who are trained to offer counselling or other assistance.

Each year's graduates are celebrated at the annual Labour Appreciation Night.



UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The Labour Movement has played a major role in the United Way Campaign, a role that began in the days of the Community Chest. Year after year, Labour's support has helped the annual campaign towards its goal.

Jim Shewchuk and Slim Powell, both of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers, held the first two campaign chairs – in 1958 and 1959 respectively. Since then, the list of chairs and representatives on the campaign cabinet through the years has included many individuals from the Labour Movement.

To learn more about the Union Counselling Program, a United Way campaign or volunteer activities, contact:

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