

## Weyburn & District United Way announces new events for 2017

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"It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one tries to take the credit."

Board member of the Weyburn and District United Way, Jerry Ponto, used that quote to kick-off the organization's annual general meeting (AGM) held Wednesday evening at the Royal Legion.

President Sabrina Kraft echoed those thoughts in both her president's report and Communithon report to the roughly 47 people who attended the 2017 AGM.

"Our board is made up of different people from different mindsets from different businesses from different organizations," she told Discover Weyburn at the end of the evening.

"So, everybody around the table has an idea, has a suggestion, has input on what we're doing as a board and how to make our board strong and better for the future."

And, the future looks bright for the local United Way.

Two new events were announced at the AGM; Multicultural Day on June 24 and Communithon Concert Jam on Oct. 21 will help strengthen the United Way's presence in the community.

"Our member agencies are out there providing these programs and providing the services and they need the support year-round," said Kraft.

Having the Multicultural Day event in June, Kraft added, is a great time for people to start thinking about donating ahead of Communithon itself.

Multicultural Day will be held in River Park in conjunction with the City of Weyburn's annual Trails Day.

The Concert Jam will be held in conjunction with Communithon in October and will showcase six Canadian bands with country, folk and bluegrass backgrounds. The lineup includes:

- Private Drive
- In With The Old
- The Sundrops
- Grey Report
- Rugged Little Thing
- Sweet Saturday

Also at the AGM, nine local member agencies were awarded the first instalment of donations which the United Way raises through fundraising like Communithon. These member agencies include:

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- The Weyburn branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)
- Canadian Red Cross
- **Envision Counselling and Support Centre**
- Saskatchewan Abilities Council
- Spinal Cord Injury, Saskatchewan
- Weyburn Care-A-Van
- Weyburn Special Care Home Auxiliary

The funds raised in 2015 amounted to \$109,800, which is paid out to these member agencies.

Although the Weyburn and District United Way's total revenue of \$119,271 was just short of the \$130,000 goal for 2016, the organization hopes its new events in 2017 will help boost donations.

New business handled at the AGM was an amendment to the bylaws, which saw the adoption of quarterly meetings of the Weyburn and District United Way's board of directors. Kraft said this amendment was to help ease the burden of time commitment on board members.

The local United Way is also looking for new board members and volunteers and you can email [weyburn.unitedway@accesscomm.ca](mailto:weyburn.unitedway@accesscomm.ca) for more information.



Assistant Executive Director, Lynda Rideout and Executive Director, Christa Daku accept a cheque on behalf of Envision.