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**United Way**  
Central and Northern  
Vancouver Island

## **A Million Thanks to Leading Corporations in the Comox Valley**

**Comox Valley, BC** – July 21, 2016 – United Way would like to thank leading Canadian companies, employers and Labour organizations in the Comox Valley for supporting United Way and the 18 programs funded in Comox Valley this year.

These organizations – together with their employees and members across Canada – each raised over \$1 million in support of United Way programs across the country. Because of these generous partnerships, United Way is able to improve lives in communities across Canada, including the Comox Valley.

Employee Giving Campaigns and Corporations in the Comox Valley who have contributed to investing locally include Bell, BMO Financial Group, Canadian Federation of Nurses Union and its member organizations (CFNU), Canadian Labour Congress, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), CIBC, City of Toronto, Costco, Deloitte, Department of National Defence, Federal Service Retirees, Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign, Great West Life, London Life, Canada Life and Freedom 55 Financial, IBM Canada Ltd and its Employees and Retirees, Manulife, National Union of Public and General Employees, Public Service Alliance of Canada, RBC, Scotiabank, Shell Canada Limited, Sun Life Financial, Suncor Energy, TD Bank Group and UPS Canada. Thank you for your continued support!

“The million ways communities benefit from the funds raised speaks for themselves,” said Todd Lyner, BC Supervisor for UPS Canada, who is based out of the Comox Valley.

“Working together to make a difference benefits all of our communities by creating a better standard of life where we live and work. I was involved with the United Way in Ontario and it is fantastic that I can continue supporting this great cause in the Comox Valley.”

“We are so thankful for the generosity of our partners. These companies and labour groups help us invest in local community programs such as financial tutoring programs to help people move out of poverty, leadership programs for youth, counselling programs for caregivers and much more,” said Signy Madden, UWCNVI Executive Director.

These generous donations help fund 18 community programs and projects in the Comox Valley this year. For a full list of programs and descriptions, visit [uwcnvi.ca](http://uwcnvi.ca).

United Way not only raises money to fund community programs, but also researches underlying causes of social issues and unites partners to find solutions.

With a mission to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action, UWCNVI invests in strengthening people and communities in the Central and Northern Vancouver Island region. Funds donated by local businesses and individuals for United Way’s Community Fund provide an essential network of social services in your community.

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