



**United Way**  
Central & Northern  
Vancouver Island

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## **United Way Moves into New Office Space Downtown Nanaimo**

First Time in 55-Year History Non Profit Owns Their Office Space

**Nanaimo, BC** – January 28, 2014 – United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island is excited to announce that they have moved into a new office in downtown Nanaimo at #9 – 327 Prideaux Street. For the first time in the charity’s 55-year history, United Way bought their own office space. The purchase will save money and thus ensure more funds are available each year to go into the 60 life-changing programs they support for over 20,000 people in the community.

“We are always looking at how we can better serve the community and keep our costs down,” said Signy Madden, Executive Director, UWCNVI. “With the office purchase, we have more room for our growing volunteer team and we will save money in lease costs and staff travel costs as many of our corporate partners and funded agencies are in the downtown area. While we will be hosting an open house this winter, our donors and other supporters are welcome to drop by anytime. There is lots of free street parking available.”

The United Way would like to thank the Century Group for their \$60,000 donation as well as the City of Nanaimo staff and Council, Bob Moss from DTZ Nanaimo Real Estate Ltd. and George Hanson of Clayton Consulting for assistance in securing the property. Thanks also to David McCallum, Freedom 55, for his help securing donations for the renovations.

Many other donors and volunteers made the United Way move possible including:

- Don Bonner our Board President and his wife Beverly for their countless volunteer hours
- United Carpet for donating the new carpets/linoleum and installation
- the wonderful staff at Coastal Community Credit Union who arranged the mortgage, and volunteered to paint the new office and donated office furniture
- Rod Mont and staff of Mont & Walker Law Corporation for donating legal expertise
- Chilo Transport for help with the move
- Island Solar Film for help with the window coverings
- Flying Fish for donating furniture for the reception area
- Turley’s Florist for providing plants for the office

You can donate to help retire the mortgage early. Gifts to the building fund will help free up more funds to be invested in the community annually. Give at [www.uwcnvi.ca](http://www.uwcnvi.ca) or call 250-591-8731.

### **New Contact Information for the United Way Office:**

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### **About United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island**

UWCNVI improves lives and builds community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. Since 1958, UWCNVI has strengthened the communities it serves. Because of the generosity of donors and volunteers, UWCNVI is able to fund 53 charities supporting 60 programs in the Central Island including Port Alberni, the Comox Valley and Campbell River this year. UWCNVI also manages the Success by 6 early childhood development programs throughout the Central and Northern Island and works to reduce homelessness by being the Community Entity for Nanaimo's Homelessness Partnership Strategy. United Way's Better at Home program, aimed at helping keep seniors living at home, begins in Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Hardy, Comox Valley and Port Alberni in 2014.

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