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### **GARY HAPKE RECIPIENT OF THE ROBERT C. PETTITT AWARD**

**CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO June 2, 2011** - The Robert C. Pettitt Award , established in 1993 to recognize “Extraordinary United Way and Community Leadership and Dedicated Service”, was presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to Gary Hapke, a long-time volunteer with the United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries.

This recognition is not awarded annually but rather when a United Way volunteer is identified as someone who’s leadership and dedication is worthy of acknowledgement.

In addition to his role on Cabinet, Gary is a United Way ambassador – whether it is through the Scotia Bank workplace campaign, or organizing the Battle of the Racquets, a one-day squash tournament in support of United Way, he LIVES UNITED.

His involvement with the United Way began in 2003 when he joined Campaign Cabinet as the Chair of the Business Division. Gary continued his involvement with the Campaign Cabinet in 2004 and 2006, assuming the role of Campaign Chair for 2004. After completing his terms on Cabinet, Gary continued his supporting role by working with the Leadership team as an Account Executive.

Professionally, Gary spent over 33 years with Scotia Bank. He spent 10 years in the Regional Office then moved into successive Branch Manager roles in Simcoe, Upper Middle and Walkers Line, and Brant Street both in the Burlington area. He joined the Cambridge branch in 2003 and has been a stalwart ambassador for our Cambridge community.

Gary’s involvement was not limited to United Way; he was a member of the Cambridge Rotary Club for 7 years and sat on the Board of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. He was actively involved in the Mayor’s Walk, Mac Kid’s, Relay for Life, Smiles Craft Show and so much more.

**Gary Hapke Recipient of The Robert C. Pettitt Award**

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Gary's dedication earned him the Chamber of Commerce Personal Business Achievement Award in 2007 and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2008.

"It is our honour and privilege to present this award to such a deserving member of our Cambridge community" said Board Chair Kathy Stauffer. "We congratulate Gary and thank him for all he has contributed to our community."

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**Attachment - photo**

**About United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries:**

Since 1940, United Way has been working to make our community a stronger and healthier place to live and work. Working with 25 knowledgeable and reputable partner agencies, we invest to improve and build our community so that:

- Children and youth reach their potential
- Families are strong
- Neighbourhoods are inclusive and thriving
- People are economically secure
- Newcomers are welcomed and supported

Further information about United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries is available at <http://www.liveunited.ca>.



**Kathy Stauffer, Board Chair; Gary Hapke; Ron Dowhaniuk, Executive Director  
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