



News Release

United Way Celebrates Final Achievement of \$1,236,888.21

Saint John, March 25, 2009 – Horns sounded, whistles blew and clackers clacked as the 2008 Campaign Final Achievement Total of \$1,236,888.21 was revealed. Guests rose to their feet with a resounding standing ovation for the remarkable community achievement. The United Way Community Achievement and Awards Dinner at the Trade & Convention Centre hosted close to 200 guests including companies, individual donors, volunteers and member agencies, and recognized a number of outstanding supporters.

Stewart McKelvey, UNBSJ, Enbridge Gas, Local 771 IAFF, AVIVA Insurance Canada, TS Simms & Co and Dennis Knibb received awards for outstanding contribution to the Campaign, while Xerox Corporation and TD Insurance kept their places and challenge trophies for another year with their employee participation rate. Bob Crowley, 2008 Campaign Chair, selected Scotiabank as the recipient of the prestigious Campaign Chair's Award, for 100% branch participation throughout Saint John, Kings and Charlotte counties.

Bob ended his acknowledgement with the words "Thank you for believing", as he himself accepted an award for his role as 2008 Campaign Chair, ***for believing in our community and its ability to achieve success – Goal+!***

Bob's employer, Ernst & Young, received an award for their encouragement and support of employee volunteerism and community involvement through the United Way Campaign.

Before the night ended, ExxonMobil "revved" things up with a corporate cheque of \$22,000 towards the upcoming 2009 Campaign.

Four guests each took home a special prize, including a one-night weekend for 2 with breakfast courtesy Hilton Saint John and a Couples Massage from Ambiance Spa, spontaneously auctioned off by Jim MacMullin, United Way President, much to the delight of the eventual winner.

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