Why is there a United Way Campaign at McMaster?

Forward with Integrity (FWI) is an open letter first published by President Patrick Deane in 2011, challenging the McMaster community to find new and innovative ways to approach the University’s academic and research missions. The letter’s principles encourage McMaster’s continual growth through community engagement. McMaster’s United Way Campaign is a reflection of this approach as it allows McMaster staff, faculty, and students to strengthen their relationship with the surrounding community. The campaign allows McMaster to take part in fundraising events such as the Annual Bus Pull and the Online Auction to improve lives and communities within Hamilton. The United Way Campaign supports McMaster’s mission as it reinforces the University’s commitment to inclusiveness, teamwork, and serving the needs of our society.

What are the methods to donate to the McMaster United Way Campaign?

All McMaster employees can donate to the McMaster United Way Campaign the following ways:

- Cash
- Cheque (To be written to “The United Way of Halton & Hamilton”)
- Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express)
- Pre-authorized debit
- Payroll Deduction

Donations can be made online by clicking the epledge link you would have received on October 3, 2017. You can also manually fill out a pledge form and send it to Gilmour Hall 304 to the attention of United Way Campaign, or email to uway@mcmaster.ca.

I have lost my epledge email, how can I receive a new one?

You can easily receive a new epledge email by contacting uway@mcmaster.ca with the subject line “New EPlledge Email.”

How does payroll deduction work?

Employees have the option to have a biweekly pay deduction contributed to the McMaster United Way Campaign. That amount, as well as the number of pay periods, is decided by the employee. Please note that the minimum number of pay periods is 1, and the maximum number is 24. All new payroll deductions are effective January 1, 2018.

There are two ways to donate via payroll:
1) Continuous: payroll deductions will continue to automatically be deducted from your pay every year until you specify for them to stop. You are able to change the amount each year, should you choose to do so and you may cancel your donation at any time by contacting uway@mcmaster.ca…

2) Annual: payroll deductions will automatically be deducted from your pay for one calendar year for the specified number of pay periods, with no continuation after the first year.

It is important to note that payroll deductions can be set up both online (link) and via pledge form (link).

**What percentage of funds raised go to the United Way of Halton & Hamilton?**

100% of all funds raised through the McMaster United Way Campaign are donated to the United Way of Halton & Hamilton.

**Can I donate to a specific agency?**

You are able to specify any United Way funded agency that you would like to support with your donation. You are also able to specify if you would like your donation to be kept in a certain region (Hamilton, Burlington, etc.), or a specific area of philanthropy (communities, poverty, etc.). A full list of all United Way funded agencies can be found [here](#).

**Will I receive a tax receipt for my donation?**

United Way will provide charitable receipts for gifts of $20.00 or more and only as requested for gifts under $20.00 and always in accordance with the guidelines of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Gifts that are receiptable include:
- Direct cash, cheque and credit card donations
- Donations of goods and merchandise by individuals and businesses based on fair market value

Gifts that are not receiptable include:
- Donations of personal services
- Donations of business services
- Payroll deductions (they will show up on your T4)
- A gift where the donor has received some benefit in exchange for the gift (e.g. bake sales, auctions or raffles, sponsorships with material recognition)

**What does the United Way of Halton & Hamilton do with the information that I provide?**
The United Way of Halton & Hamilton is committed to protecting your privacy. The information you provide to United Way Halton & Hamilton may be used to assist in the proper administration and acknowledgement of your gift, and to issue tax receipts (if applicable). United Way Halton & Hamilton does not share its mailing lists.

The campaign is over, am I still able to donate?

Absolutely. You are able to donate year round. If it is outside of the campaign months (October-February), please contact 905-525-9140 ext. 24460 for donation information.

I have a question about the McMaster United Way Campaign. Who can I contact?

All questions can be directed to 905-525-9140 ext. 24460 or to uway@mcmaster.ca

How else can I participate in the McMaster United Way Campaign?

All volunteer and event opportunities can be found at www.workingatmcmaster.ca/uway

Where can I find more information on the United Way of Halton & Hamilton?

You can find more information by visiting http://www.uwhh.ca/whatwedo/