



Annual Kingdom Assignment Raises \$10,000 for United Way Chatham-Kent

St. Clair Catholic schools in Chatham-Kent have raised \$10,000 for United Way Chatham-Kent in the annual *Kingdom Assignment* projects.

Last fall, 30 groups of students, from Ursuline College and each of its elementary partner schools, were each given \$100 in seed money. The challenge was to use the money to further God's kingdom. Today, the students gathered to announce their fundraising totals and to report on the interesting ways in which they chose to help support the United Way.

"I want to thank each of you for your great work," says Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education. "Each year the projects get more interesting and more diverse. I don't think we've ever had a year in which there was so much variety in the kinds of fundraisers our students have organized!"

From whacky hair days to 'who can blow the biggest bubble' chewing gum contests to student-teacher volleyball games to hot chocolate sales and Christmas parades, the students reached out to lend a hand to those in our community who need our help.

"It felt so good to pay it forward," said one group of students from St. Joseph Catholic School in Tilbury.

Members of United Way Chatham-Kent's staff, as well as campaign co-chairs Dean and Margery Muharrem, were on hand to accept the \$10,000 donation on behalf of the students and their schools.

Since its inception in 2008, Catholic school communities have raised just over \$70,000 for United Way Chatham-Kent through the annual Kingdom Assignment.

In the photo above, along with students from Christ The King Catholic School in Wallaceburg are (L-R) Laura Callaghan, Principal, Christ The King; Dan Parr, Director of Education, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, United Way Chatham-Kent; Dean and Margery Muharrem, Campaign Co-chairs; and Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education.