



## **United Way Waterloo Region Communities**

### **News Release**

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#### **One stop shopping for volunteer opportunities in Waterloo Region**

Volunteer Centres in Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo combine services.

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There's now just one place to go for residents to find volunteer opportunities and for community organizations to recruit volunteers in Waterloo Region.

After a successful partnership covering three decades, the Volunteer Centre of Cambridge, run by United Way Waterloo Region Communities, and the Volunteer Action Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo have pooled their resources and expertise to better serve both member organizations and volunteers. As part of the transition, the latter organization has rebranded as the Volunteer Action Centre of Waterloo Region and has updated its website and social media handles to reflect its wider reach.

The Volunteer Action Centre believes all parties will benefit from a region-wide system, increasing exposure for both potential volunteers and the organizations in need of their support. The Centre's online database now houses volunteer opportunities from nearly 200 organizations across Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Wellesley, Wilmot, Woolwich and North Dumfries.

In addition to its office at 151 Frederick Street, Suite 500 in Kitchener, ON, the Volunteer Action Centre is also excited to offer in-person support for volunteers and members at a new satellite office in Cambridge, ON every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This new service will be offered out of the Region of Waterloo's Employment Resource Centre located at 150 Main Street, Cambridge, ON.

United Way Waterloo Region Communities is proud to invest in volunteerism locally and will continue to provide funding for the Volunteer Action Centre's work across the Region of Waterloo.

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#### **About United Way Waterloo Region Communities**

United Way Waterloo Region Communities is the largest funder of social programs in the region outside of government. Working in collaboration with our partner agencies we are striving to provide everyone the best opportunity to reach their full potential.

#### **About the Volunteer Action Centre**

The Volunteer Action Centre, established in 1984, has a mission to build and develop community capacity for volunteerism. The centre supports nearly 200 community organizations to recruit, retain and recognize volunteers, and provides professional development related to volunteerism. The centre also collaborates with municipalities, businesses and post-secondary institutions to strengthen community engagement.

**Website:** <https://www.volunteerwr.ca/>

**Twitter:** @volunteerWR

**Instagram:** [@volunteerwr](https://www.instagram.com/volunteerwr)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/volunteerWR/>

### **Volunteer Action Centre Office Locations:**

#### Kitchener

151 Frederick Street, Suite 500, Kitchener ON N2H 2M2

**Phone:** 519-742-8610

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

#### Cambridge

150 Main Street, Cambridge, ON, N1R 6P9

(Region of Waterloo Employment Resource Centre)

**Phone:** 519-575-4400, x7827

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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