



United Way
Saint John, Kings
& Charlotte

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Stories that Unite us.



Please join us for two special events

At the United Way, the generosity of our community is the reason we are able to carry out our mission.

We are thankful for the donors that support us

time and again, who believe in that mission and the impact it is having in Saint John, Kings and Charlotte.

We feel it is important to celebrate them and encourage them! After all, it is through their giving that lives are being changed and young futures are being developed. These are important impacts in our region; life-changing impacts that create stronger communities for all.

This month will feature two important events.

On Nov. 16, thanks to the generous sponsorship of TD, the 11 United Ways across Atlantic Canada will be hosting a half-hour online celebration to raise awareness of what we do and the impact that people can have as Leader Donors.

And on Nov. 30, we celebrate Giving Tuesday, the world's largest generosity movement. Please join us in achieving a mission for our community that day.

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Matthew's story: From frustration to success

Matthew, who is on the autism spectrum, has always been a quick study. For five years, he's been involved in the [Sistema](#) music program for youth. But Matthew struggled with the physical side of playing the violin. This meant slow progress, and it frustrated him and left him feeling he wasn't good enough.

With the restrictions around COVID, learning went online. And while that has been challenging for some, it turned out to be a benefit to Matthew.

He has almost never missed a class, and really began practising

on his own. He started noticing his improvement and this led to more practise – and more improvement. Matthew finished this year by successfully auditioning for Sistema's advanced program, the Saint John Youth Orchestra!

[Successes like this](#) are possible thanks to generous United Way donors, who help fund Sistema and other programs for youth.

Mohamed's story: Chasing his dream in Canada



Mohamed Hassan Mohamed came to Canada – and Saint John – in 2019, eager to forge a new life for himself.

Originally from Somalia, he settled here intent on leveraging the business degree he earned years earlier at the University of Malaysia. More than anything, he wanted to become a Certified Professional Accountant, or CPA.

Mohamed, 33, deals with pain and mobility issues continuously. He has ankylosing spondylitis, an inflammatory disease that can cause some of the small bones in the spine to fuse.

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Changing a community, one life at a time

At the United Way, we are heartened when community partners can come together to make a difference in our region.

Outflow, a United Way-funded organization in Saint John assisting people living in poverty through programs and social enterprises, is involved in a unique collaboration with Saint John Energy, a stalwart United Way supporter and community leader.



Together, and with enthusiastic support of other businesses, they turned 10,000 pounds of scrap wiring into valuable copper – a project that provided employment, much-needed funds for Outflow programs, and benefited the environment through responsible recycling.

[Catch a video and read the full story on our website.](#)



#LOCALLOVE FACT

In one year, more than 250 kids had the opportunity to learn an instrument with Sistema, be part of a community and improve their growth mindset, self-esteem or social competencies.

#UNIGNORABLE FACT

The World Health Organization has declared poverty the single largest determinant of health. Parts of Saint John have rates of poverty twice as high or more than the national average.



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