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Growing Regional Prosperity for Our Community – New Living Wage Employer Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants

LISTOWEL, ON - Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants have a reason to celebrate. They are the most recent business to certify as a Living Wage Employer in the champion category.

“Ward & Uptigrove is the premier professional services firm, in the heart of rural Ontario, providing integrated accounting, wealth management and consulting services. We bring small town values and downtown expertise with over 60 years of caring for each other and clients so we all succeed. We rely on our staff to care for our clients and it’s important that we care for our staff,” says Pat Downey, CEO of Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants. “Ensuring that all our staff meet or exceed the Living Wage is a tangible way to demonstrate we value them and want them to be able to enjoy life in our community.”

Now calculated annually by the United Way Perth-Huron’s Social Research and Planning Council, the Living Wage is a calculation based on the living expenses of a family of four with both adults working full-time for 35 hours a week, once government transfers and deductions are taken into account. Everyday expenses included in the calculation are food, housing, utilities, childcare and transportation. Perth-Huron Counties’ Living Wage is \$17.44 per hour. More information about Perth-Huron’s Living Wage can be found at <http://perthhuron.unitedway.ca/srpc/living-wage-report>.



“With approximately fifty percent of local households in Perth and Huron Counties living under the annual income required for their household to maintain the basic living expenses a Living Wage provides, this truly makes a big impact in the lives of many. The Living Wage is one strategy in reducing poverty and increasing positive outcomes for those in our communities,” says United Way Perth-Huron Executive Director Ryan Erb. “We are pleased to celebrate with Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants while encouraging others to do the same.”

About Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants

Ward & Uptigrove’s commitment to provide high quality accounting and tax services along with the integration of specialized services allows the firm to continue to flourish and adapt to the ever changing world of finance and business. One of Ontario’s largest independent accounting firms, Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants currently has 10 partners and 7 principals and approximately 100 employees. This team is dedicated to providing over 6,000 clients high quality service through three integrated entities: Chartered Professional Accountants, Wealth Management, and Human Resources

Solutions. For more information on Ward & Uptigrove Chartered Professional Accountants, please contact Deborah Good, Human Resources Manager at 519-291-3040 or deborahg@w-u.on.ca.

About United Way Perth-Huron

UWPH is a 100% local organization working to address #UNIGNORABLE issues like poverty, homelessness and mental health in our communities. Thanks to United Way and people across the region, over 32,000 of the most vulnerable in Perth and Huron Counties have a brighter future. To show your #LocalLove by donating or volunteering, call 519-271-7730 or 1-877-818-8867, mail to 32 Erie Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4 or visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca

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