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2011 Award Winners

Leadership Giving Award –

1. The Economical Insurance Group

Presented to the workplace that most successfully motivated their peers to contribute personal gifts of \$1000 or more and that organized the most exceptional Leadership Giving Campaign.

Corporate Support Award –

1. Manulife Financial

Awarded to an organization that demonstrates exceptional commitment to United Way as a collaborative partner through on-going corporate giving, active support of their employee campaigns, voluntarism and corporate and community engagement.

Best First-Time Campaign Award –

1. Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

Presented to a new workplace campaign that has had outstanding participation in its first campaign. It recognizes new campaigns that have vitality, excitement, involvement and excellent communication.

Joe Williams Award –

1. Joan Geisel, Clemmer Steelcraft Technologies

The Joe Williams Memorial Award is presented annually to a workplace campaign volunteer that exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism, community involvement and commitment to others.

Campaign Chair Award-

1. Sun Life Financial

Presented by the Campaign Chair to an organization that has gone above and beyond their traditional support during the campaign by running an exemplary campaign and demonstrates a strong commitment to United Way.

Agency Engagement Award –

1. House of Friendship

Awarded to an agency that demonstrates exceptional support of United Way through participation in events and programs.



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Arlene Smith Memorial Award –

1. Gebre Berihun

Awarded in memory of Arlene Smith. Arlene worked at United Way for seven years and her work with and dedication to community began long before. Arlene was passionate about people and allowing everyone the opportunity to live life in the way they wanted – with respect, love, support and friendship. The areas of mental health and disability were important to Arlene and she was a strong advocate for families locally.

Joint Union/Management Award –

1. Clemmer Steelcraft Technologies and United Steelworkers 838

Awarded to an organization that demonstrates exceptional commitment to United Way. There is a strong partnership between Union and management that shows in the success of their workplace campaign.

United Way Choice Award –

1. Chief Matt Torigian

This award is given to an individual who has contributed their time, expertise and networks to help United Way achieve success in an activity.