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United Way Board appoints interim Executive Director

Deb Ballak, a long-time community worker in Brantford, has been appointed interim Executive Director of the Brant United Way.

"Deb has recently retired from over 30 years in social services, 20 of them in this community," said Board President Paul Oddi. "She is known to many of our community agencies and non-profits through her work in homeless and housing programs with the City of Brantford."

"All programs through the United Way will continue uninterrupted," Oddi added.

Ballak replaces Dianne Austin who is no longer with the organization.

"We thank Dianne for her contributions to Brant United Way and wish her the best in her future endeavours," Oddi said.

Ballak holds a Masters in Public Administration has two grown daughters and lives with her husband Phil in Burford. She is also a volunteer member of the United Way Board of Directors.

Oddi also announced that Mary Pick will serve as interim Campaign Director until Kristin Pass returns from parental leave.

United Way is a volunteer-led organization with a vision to improve the lives of people in this community. Brant United Way provides funds to 18 Member Agencies which provide essential human services and programs to citizens throughout Brantford and Brant County. Together, with our donors and volunteers, we are making Brantford and Brant County stronger by strategically investing in our Member Agencies who provide programs and services to help address the social issues in our community.

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