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For Immediate Release:

United Way of Saskatoon & Area receives \$15,000 of Paper Excellence's \$50,000 United Way donation

[Richmond, BC] – Paper Excellence announced today a \$50,000 donation to United Way, \$15,000 of which is being awarded to United Way of Saskatoon & Area.

This gift will be divided between both of Paper Excellence's mill locations in Saskatchewan. A \$10,000 donation to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Prince Albert (BBBS) mentorship program will help match children between the ages of 6-16 with a professionally screened and trained volunteer mentor. And a \$5,000 donation to the Meadow Lake Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) will replace a dangerous wheelchair ramp in ECIP main facility.

"United Way of Saskatoon & Area's impact far exceeds the city limits of Saskatoon. We are proud to continue to support our northern communities in Saskatchewan with this generous gift," said Sheri Benson, CEO, United Way of Saskatoon & Area. "Paper Excellence's donation will ensure families are equipped with the resources and support needed to help improve the lives of young children in the communities of Prince Albert and Meadow Lake."

"In Paper Excellence's Mission Statement, it states that we will improve the well-being of the communities in which we operate," said Graham Kissack, Vice President, Environment, Health & Safety and Corporate Communications. "We believe these donations that will support children seeking a mentor and replace a dangerous wheelchair ramp at an early childhood intervention facility will make a lasting difference for the people directly affected as well as the broader community."

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Paper Excellence, headquartered in British Columbia, is a diversified manufacturer of pulp and specialty, printing, writing, and packaging papers. The company operates seven mills and a large-scale cargo distribution centre in Canada producing and shipping over 2.8 million tonnes annually with a workforce of more than 2,800. Paper Excellence is poised to continue to grow with its strategy of operational excellence and high-quality, cost-effective products.

United Way of Saskatoon and area aims to improve lives and build community through acts of local love that include, engaging and mobilizing community dollars, strengthening the network of

services and capacity of non-profits, influencing public attitudes, systems and policies and addressing underlying causes affecting community members in the Saskatoon area.

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