

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 18 November 2024

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## United Way of Dane County/Labor Annual Campaign

All affiliated Locals should have received a mailing asking for an organizational gift to United Way of Dane County. It would be great if EVERY Local could make a contribution - even a smaller dollar amount (like \$50 or \$100) - to the campaign. And if you/they could promote the campaign within your/their workplaces - whether they are public or private sector - that would be awesome. As you know, there are many needs in the community so each donation, when pooled together, makes a difference!

## Lots of Layoffs Happening - Please Reach Out!

There are a number of layoffs happening in our area and, in many cases, the companies involved do NOT have to do the official WARN (because it's not a complete closing or the percentage of those affected is under 25%). Please reach out as there IS help available - but if the WDBSCW doesn't know, they can't start the process.

## Volunteer Your Time - Providing Help Right Now!!

If you personally or as a group/family want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, there is a local website, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/>, which allows you to look for opportunities. For Dane County employees, this is the source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. Do let me know if you need help finding something of interest.

## Insurance on the Market Place and HealthConnect

On the HealthCare.gov Marketplace, anyone qualifying for Special Enrollment can sign up at any time. And HealthConnect is a program where people making up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who live in Dane County could have their premium cost paid up front (not a reimbursement).

## United Way 211 - Help Starts Here

United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) 24 hours a day, every day. It covers the entire state and you reach a "live" resource specialist by simply calling 211 on your telephone or texting your zip code to 898-211. If you prefer, the information is also available online at <https://211wisconsin.org/>.

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We would like to encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. With the upcoming changes in the political climate, community services are going to be needed more than ever. It's a great way to get involved. Let us know if you need help. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance!

