

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 17 March 2025

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2025 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference

The Official Call letter from the WI State AFL-CIO has been sent out. The conference will again be at the Madison Concourse Hotel and will be held on Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28. Would be great to see Union members from the area there. All of the info is posted on the SCFL website. [Thank you, Sharon!]

TEP Collection Drive(s) for Upcoming Gatherings at the Madison Labor Temple

We have done several collection drives for TEP in conjunction with Labor Happy Hours and other SCFL gatherings at the Madison Labor Temple. The next request may take a little more shopping or planning ahead so heads up - TEP is looking for NEW kids' underwear. [Imagine not have "fresh" underwear or sharing with a sibling ...] Even a pair or two - any kid size, color, style is fine - would be great. And sometimes you can find packs of multiples on sale or in a discontinued bin. Your efforts are appreciated and wanted to give you some time to prepare!

Lots of Layoffs Happening - Please Reach Out!

There are a number of layoffs happening in our area and, in many cases, an official WARN is not issued - especially with the recent government terminations. 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/Local want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/> is a great resource. For Dane County employees, this is a source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. If you need help finding something, please do reach out.

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) or app 24 hours a day, every day. And 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!

