

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 20 March 2023

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2023 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference

Just an FYI, the 2023 Conference is being held at the Madison Concourse Hotel this week.

National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is Back

This very important food drive - the largest single day collection of food in the nation - is back! It will be held on Saturday, May 13th. For the first time ever, we are partnering with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. The logistics are being worked out now. We are doing a pre-project, on Tuesday, April 25th, and could really use someone with a somewhat bigger vehicle and perhaps a couple of people to help lift boxes - to bring them here to the Anderson United Way Center and then later in the day to five different post offices. If you might be available, please get in touch with me.

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. They are clearly marked as to being in person OR completely virtual (to be extra safe). For Dane County employees, this is the source for opportunities where you can "invest" your newly 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 24 hours a day, every day. The entire state is covered 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/>. 211 is also looking for new volunteers, working from your own home, so please let me know if you're interested.

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We would like to encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. Let us know if you need help. This is of particular interest to me so please don't hesitate to ask for assistance!

Also just getting out and volunteering is important so if people have ideas for projects, please let us know!

