SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 16 June 2025

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TEP Collection Drive for Labor Day - Planning Ahead

We will again be doing a collection drive for the MMSD Transition Education Program (TEP) on Labor Day at LaborFest '25. Their number one requested item is gift cards (\$25 value is most appreciated) but other items are washable markers, fidget/stress relieving items, African American hair products, pencil sharpeners (covered or the contained shavings type), backpacks (all ages), and boxes of colored pencils. The LaborFest poster includes some of these items and the Community Services poster includes the entire list. Both are posted on SCFL's website and can be easily downloaded (and shared). Please help out as you are able.

New AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison Will Soon Be Here

Interviews are under way. Hopefully the new Liaison will be starting on Monday, July 21st - the day/date of the next monthly SCFL Delegates' Meeting.

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/. For those recently impacted by the tornadoes in our area, this number may be a good resource for you and/or your neighbors.

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, <u>http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/</u> 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).

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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!



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