

# Community Services Committee Report

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**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)

**Lots of Layoffs Happening** -Please Reach Out! Layoffs are happening in our area, and, in many cases, an official WARN is not issued - especially with the recent government terminations. Please reach out as rapid response resources are available.

**Fuel The Work of United Way of Dane Co** -Donations from individuals and local unions are encouraged. I would love to be invited to your local meeting to discuss the important work of UWDC. To invite me, request campaign supplies, or for any other additional information, contact me at the info above. To send in a contribution (with checks made payable to **United Way of Dane County**), John Smallwood AFL-CIO Labor Liaison United Way of Dane County 2059 Atwood Avenue Madison, WI 53704.

**Volunteer Your Time** -Help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County. Click here: <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/> You can volunteer as an individual or group (Local, family, civic, religious). Reminder: 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. **Also, if an organization you are associated with is not on the website contact me to get that done.**

**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/>. Top three requests for December: food pantries 761, rent & security deposits: 453, community shelters 150.

**Community Services** - Feb Meeting Highlights: NALC Food Drive Saturday May 9: Muscle needed to get the food from letter carrier collection to the food pantries. TEP collection need: air mattresses. There will be collections at all SCFL meetings going forward. Contact me to connect with any of the above. With rapid changes in civic affairs, community services are needed more than ever. We are looking to add new members to the AFL CIO/United Way of Dane County Community Services Committee, as well as activate Community Services Committees in your own locals. Contact me at [john.smallwood@UWDC.org](mailto:john.smallwood@UWDC.org) or Rob Hardin | Committee Chair | [Hardin\\_Family@frontier.com](mailto:Hardin_Family@frontier.com)



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