

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 15 August 2022

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## Labor Fest '22 - Collection Drive

As we have in the past, we will be doing a collection drive at Labor Fest for the MMSD Transition Education Program. GIFT CARDS of all types - "big box"/discount stores, grocery stores, gas stations/convenience stores, places to eat, St. Vinney's/Goodwill, laundry, ... - are most needed! Or, if you prefer to shop, they could use laundry soap (smaller bottles) or detergent pods; hand/body lotion in bigger bottles; colored pencils; NON-permanent, washable markers (all sizes); composition books; flash cards of any kind; African American hair products; deodorant; and pocket folders. Donations may be brought to Labor Fest on Labor Day or drop off arrangements may be made with Ann in advance. Thank you for your participation! [The flyer is on the SCFL website. Thank you, Sharon!]

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library is Back

The project is back! It is being sponsored/run by the Madison Reading Project and provides FREE books on a monthly basis to children in Dane County from birth to age 5. This is a wonderful program that provides age specific books. You may sign your "little person" up at [www.madisonreadingproject.com/](http://www.madisonreadingproject.com/).

## 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 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/>. 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!

