

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 15 May 2023

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

This very important food drive - the largest single day collection of food locally and in the nation - was held last Saturday, May 13th. Saint Vincent de Paul parked a semi-trailer at the South Side station (at 820 West Wingra Drive, practically IN the Madison Labor Temple parking lot) and we "covered" that location. HUGE thank you to Tim Sullivan, member of SMART Local 565 and one of our Trustees, who helped out that afternoon. I was there but, as far as I know, Tim was the only Labor volunteer. Unfortunately the drive wasn't very successful but it also hadn't happened since 2019.

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!

