

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 18 March 2024

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## **Lots of Layoffs Happening - Please Reach Out!**

There are a number of layoffs happening in our area and, in many cases, the companies involved do NOT have to do the official WARN (because it's not a complete closing or the percentage of those affected is under 25%). 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 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. For Dane County employees, this is the source for opportunities where you can "invest" your 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.

## **National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

This annual event - the largest single day collection of food in the nation - will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Locally, the NALC is partnering with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin who will be seeking volunteers for the Westside station (Struck Street) and at the Main Post Office (where food comes in at the Carrier Annex). Saint Vincent de Paul will be providing trucks at two locations as they have in the past - the South Side station (at 820 West Wingra Drive) and the Capitol Station (at 702 East Washington Avenue). The NALC has assigned those stations to SCFL so we need to find volunteers. Probably two to four people covering each location, from about 1p to 6p, would do it. If you are able to help out, please let me know directly.

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We would like to encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. It's a great way to get involved. Let us know if you need help. 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!

