

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 19 February 2024

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## 2024 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference

The 2024 Conference will be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Final logistics are being worked out. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please let me know (soon!). The official call letter has been sent to all Locals affiliated with the State AFL-CIO. If you need a copy of the mailing, just contact me directly and I can send it via e-mail. If you just have questions about the conference, please feel free to reach out. The complete mailing is also on the SCFL.org website.

## 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. 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. And we encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. It's a great way to get members involved.

## 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.

## UWDC Community Celebration

All are invited to the UWDC Community Celebration on Friday, March 1, from 11:30a to 1:30p. YOU MUST RSVP!! It is a sit down, "plated" luncheon (with meal choices), so please don't just plan on "stopping by". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. As a non-profit partner, you may use that "designation" to get the \$30 registration fee waived. The deadline for registration has been extended to NOON on Wednesday!

