

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 23 September 2024

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Collection on Labor Day for the MMSD Transition Education Program

The collection drive on Labor Day at Labor Fest (and afterwards) was a rousing success! We got a heartfelt thank you from the program so a big shout out to all who participated. And also to Rob Hardin for staffing the table all day.

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. [And a big thank you to Joanna Frasch from AFSCME Local 1 who reached out when she heard about just such a situation!]

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 (open enrollment all the time) is a program where people making up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who live in Dane County and buy their insurance on the Marketplace could have their premium cost paid up front (not a reimbursement).

United Way of Dane County/Labor Campaign Kick-Off

All affiliated Locals should have received a mailing asking for an organizational gift to United Way of Dane County. It would be great if EVERY Local could make a contribution - even a smaller dollar amount (like \$50 or \$100) - to the campaign. And if you/they could promote the campaign within your/their workplaces - whether they are public or private sector - that would be awesome. As you know, there are many needs in the community so each donation, when pooled together, makes a difference!

In addition, every committee at United Way has at least one Labor Representative - to provide a different perspective or point of view. Thank you to **Noel Gallagher**, Laborers; **Claiborne Hill**, SEIU Wisconsin; **Derek Wallace**, AFSCME Local 720; **Neil Rainford**, AFSCME Council 32; **Michael Childers**, UW Madison School for Workers; **Laura Dresser**, High Road Strategy Center; **Abe Saloma**, AFSCME Local 720; **Jani Koester**, Madison Teachers Inc.; **John Wedge**, WEAC Region 6; and **Heidi Wegleitner**, UAW Local 2320-L. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated and valued.

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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!

