

# **Report for Monday - 24 January 2022**

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## **Update on the WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference**

There will be a 2022 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference from March 24<sup>th</sup> thru the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Madison Concourse Hotel! The official call has been sent out from the State Office. [If you need a copy, contact me directly.] Please encourage your Locals to send a representative (or two or three).

## **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). Your assistance is always appreciated! Do let me know if you need help finding something of interest.

## **United Way of Dane County Annual Campaign**

For those in the private sector, I encourage you to give thru your employer's workplace campaign. For those in the public sector, you have many choices available. The Partners in Giving campaign - covering State, UW, and UW Health employees - is the largest. And there also are the City/County, Madison College, MMSD, and the Combined Federal Campaigns. Most have pretty much wrapped up but your pledge would still be welcome. If you just want to give directly, please feel free to contact me. Any amount would be greatly appreciated (and it's never too late to give)!

## **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 safely from your own home, so please let me know if you're interested.

