

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 16 December 2024

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## **Holiday Collection Drive THIS Thursday - Socks, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes!**

In conjunction with the SCFL Holiday Party, we will be doing a collection drive for MMSD TEP. Anyone who attends and brings an item will get a free drink ticket (one per person)! Thank you in advance for your assistance during this holiday season.

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

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. These donations, when pooled together, make a difference!

## **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/Local want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/> is a great resource. For Dane County employees, this is a source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. If you need help finding something, please do reach out.

## **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) or app 24 hours a day, every day. And the information is also available online at <https://211wisconsin.org/>.

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We would like to encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. With the upcoming changes in the political climate, community services are going to be needed more than ever. It's a great way to get involved. Let us know if you need help. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance!

