

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 15 July 2024

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Collection on Labor Day for the MMSD Transition Education Program

The collection drive on Labor Day at Labor Fest will be very similar to last year with an emphasis on \$25 gift cards, if possible. The list of requested items is included on the Labor Fest flyer. We're hoping everyone can pitch in just a little bit to ensure that students who are housing insecure have a good start to the new school year. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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 (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 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.

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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!

