

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 27 January 2025

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## Holiday Collection Drive - Thank You to All Who Participated!

In conjunction with the SCFL Holiday Party (which ended up getting cancelled due to bad weather), we did a collection drive for MMSD TEP. We still accepted a number of items and received a nice thank you from them.

## 2025 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference

The Official Call letter from the WI State AFL-CIO should be coming out this week. The conference will again be at the Madison Concourse Hotel and will be held on Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28. Would be great to see Union members from the area there.

## 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!

