



UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

April: Spring Into Action

Small Acts, Big Impact

As the season of renewal unfolds, April brings the perfect opportunity to refresh, renew, and rally together in support of our neighbors. Just as spring breathes new life into our surroundings, we can spark positive change in our community with simple yet meaningful acts of kindness. Together, small actions lead to lasting impact. Let's make this spring a season of generosity and renewal for all!



Give A Fresh Start This Spring

A Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

Spring is a season of renewal—a time for fresh starts, new beginnings, and the opportunity to support our neighbors in meaningful ways. At United Way of Southern Chester County, **we are excited to dedicate this month to Giving Our Neighbors a Fresh Start** and invite you to join us in making a difference.



This April, we're focusing on simple yet impactful ways to help those in need:

Laundry Detergent Drive

Clean clothes can make a world of difference for families struggling to make ends meet. We're collecting laundry detergent to distribute to local nonprofits serving our community. You can drop off donations at our office or participate by organizing a collection at your workplace, school, or place of worship.

SILO Community Meal

Mid-April – One of the most powerful ways to support our community is by sharing a meal. SILO's monthly Community Meal provides food, fellowship, and connection to hundreds of our neighbors. Consider volunteering or attending to help make this event a success.

Spring Cleaning for a Cause

As you refresh your home this season, consider donating gently used clothing and household items to local nonprofits that can distribute them to families in need. If you're unsure where to donate, call our office—we can connect you with organizations that accept these items. You can also drop them off at our office, and we'll ensure they reach those who need them most.

A gift to United Way of Southern Chester County fuels a network of solutions, ensuring resources go to where they are needed most. Your generosity strengthens the programs that provide essential support to individuals and families right here in our community.

Together, we can provide a fresh start for our neighbors and continue building a strong, supportive community. We hope you'll join us in this effort and get engaged in the incredible work happening right here in southern Chester County.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making a difference.

With gratitude,
Darcie Martin
CEO, United Way of Southern Chester County

In the CommUNITY



Supporting Our Neighbors: United Way & SILO's Impact in Oxford

Oxford SILO (Serving, Inspiring, and Loving Others) is a **dedicated organization committed to supporting the most vulnerable members of the southern**



LIVE BETTER with The Kennett Library

Kennett Library continues to bring its "Live Better" health literacy program to the community. With monthly themes promoting access to health-based

Chester County community. For over 14 years, SILO has developed programs that foster community, provide essential services, and promote self-sufficiency among residents.

At United Way of Southern Chester County, we are proud to support Oxford SILO and their mission to serve the most vulnerable members of the Oxford community. Through the generosity of our donors, **we fund two of SILO's key programs: the Community Meal Program and Delivering Hope.**

[Read More](#)

information that is free for ALL, these informational activities are run through the library with the collaboration of many non-profit and professional agencies in Chester County.

This month's event includes a screening of "Inside Out" with kids while adults hear from mental health experts about emotional regulation.

Registration required for this month's event.

[More Information about Live Better Programs](#)



Support SILO's Laundry Detergent Drive – Give Neighbors a Fresh Start!

Laundry detergent is one of the most requested items from neighbors in SILO's Delivering Hope program, yet it's often overlooked in donation drives. Having clean clothes and the ability to do your own laundry provides a sense of dignity for those struggling with basic needs. This month, we're collecting detergent to support SILO and help give our neighbors a fresh start.

Join us in making a difference—donate today!

Donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets will be accepted during the month of April at our office. You can drop off or



Join SILO's Community Meal – A Place for Everyone

Thirteen years ago, SILO began hosting monthly meals to bring neighbors together over good food and friendship. What started as a simple gathering has grown into a vibrant community tradition where kids play, teens sing karaoke, and seniors enjoy the lively atmosphere.

Funded in part by United Way of Southern Chester County, this welcoming space fosters connections across all backgrounds, creating a sense of belonging for all who attend. Join us this month and experience the joy of community over a shared meal!

Saturday, April 19

order online and have delivered to the office.

UWSCC
712.E Baltimore Pike, #100
Kennett Square, PA 19348

2:00-4:00 pm
Penn's Grove Middle School

Volunteers needed to help serve and clean-up.



Conversations for Compassionate Change Re-Cap

In March, our Conversations for Compassionate Change event focused on food access, bringing together a well-attended group of community members eager to learn about local nonprofit programs addressing food insecurity.

Attendees gained valuable insight into the challenges vulnerable neighbors face and the resources available to support them. We hope this conversation inspires action and encourages participants to share what they've learned, helping to strengthen food security in our region.

Thanks for attending this informational event.

Summer Music Festival

Join us for the United Way of Southern Chester County Music Festival, a family-friendly community event designed to bring people together for an evening of music, fun, and philanthropy. This exciting festival will feature local bands, intermissions that highlight UWSCC's mission, recognition of our 2025 "Care-ie Award" winner and our 80th birthday cake presentation! Tickets available soon

Save the date!
Kennett Creamery
Thursday, June 12
5:30-8:30pm, doors open 5:00pm



CommUNITY Calendar

April
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Detergent Drive to Benefit SILO

Donations accepted throughout the month at our office:

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April
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Live Better Screening of Inside Out

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30-8:00pm
The Kennett Library Auditorium

While kids enjoy the movie, parents will have a chance to discuss with mental health experts about emotional regulation from a trauma-informed perspective.

[Registration required](#)

April
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Penn's Grove Middle School

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May
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Coming Up! Volunteer Day: NLCC Walk for Wellness

Saturday, May 17, 10:00am
Glenroy Preserve

Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month with New London Counseling Center. UWSCC is sponsoring the kids craft table and looking for volunteers. [Email](#) if you can help out. Great for HS students needing hours.

June
12

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Music Festival Fundraiser

Thursday, June 12, 5:00-8:30pm
Kennett Creamery

Join UWSCC board, staff, partner agencies and community members for a fun, family-friendly event to celebrate UWSCC's 80th birthday.

For a comprehensive list of all upcoming Community events, please visit the [events calendar](#) on our website.

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