



UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

August Focus: Supporting Little Hands and Learners

This month, we're celebrating and supporting the work of Tick Tock Early Learning Center, one of our trusted partner agencies serving the youngest members of our community. For generations, Tick Tock has provided high-quality, affordable early childhood education and before/after school care for working families in Southern Chester County.

Their team works tirelessly to ensure every child—regardless of background—has a safe, nurturing environment to learn, grow, and thrive. As we focus on “Supporting Little Hands and Learners” this August, we invite you to join us in helping set these children up for success.



Make a donation today to youngest learners have the support they need to succeed.

Support our Youngest Neighbors

A Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, I want to



thank you for standing with United Way of Southern Chester County—and share how your support is making a real difference.

This August, we've focused on "Supporting Little Hands and Learners," spotlighting our longtime partner, Tick Tock Early Learning Center. Tick Tock provides high-quality, affordable early education and care to working families—many of whom struggle to meet basic needs. Thanks to your generosity, we allocated \$63,500 this year to help ensure these children are nurtured, fed, and prepared for kindergarten.

We're also collecting essential preschool supplies often overlooked in traditional school drives. You can support Tick Tock's classrooms by shopping their Amazon Wish List. Please see below for the link and consider contributing items that foster hands-on learning and creativity for our youngest students in the community.

With public funding decreasing and the cost of living rising, your end-of-year gift is needed now more than ever. Together, we can continue bridging critical gaps for children, families, and individuals across Southern Chester County. I urge you to explore how you may be able to help our struggling neighbors by donating to, volunteering with or advocating for the United Way of Southern Chester County.

With gratitude,
Darcie Martin
Chief Executive Officer
United Way of Southern Chester County

Your Gift Makes a Difference



DONATE TO MAKE A

DIFFERENCE TODAY

Your kindness has the capacity to change people's lives and have a long-lasting effect on our community.

TEXT: 80FOR80 TO 44-321

Make a Gift Before the Fiscal Year Ends—Now More Than Ever, It Matters

As we close out our fiscal year, one thing is clear: **our community needs you.** With shifts in public policy and reductions in government funding, local nonprofits are being stretched further than ever. **More of our neighbors are at risk of losing their jobs, homes, and access to basic needs** like food, medicine, and transportation.

The numbers speak for themselves:

- In Chester County, the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is \$1,802/month
- To afford that, a renter must earn \$34.65/hour—nearly five times the PA minimum wage
- Even with the average renter wage at \$24.25/hour, hardworking families are falling behind

United Way of Southern Chester County is committed to bridging the gap for ALICE households (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) through programs that provide crisis intervention, health services, and education support. But we can't do it alone.

Here's a Bright Spot: New Tax Incentive for Donors

Thanks to new federal legislation passed in July, **charitable giving is now tax-deductible—even if you don't itemize.**

This temporary provision allows:

- Up to \$1,000 deduction for individuals
- Up to \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly

Available through 2028, this makes it easier for more people to give and receive a tax benefit.

Your donation—whether \$20, \$80, or more—directly helps families right here in Southern Chester County. Please give today and help us finish this fiscal year strong.

Together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.

Make your gift today [HERE](#)
or text 80FOR80 to 44-321

In the CommUNITY



Supporting Little Hands and Bright Futures: Tick Tock Early Learning Center

At the heart of every strong community is a place where children are nurtured, educated, and loved from the very beginning. For Southern Chester County, that place is Tick Tock Early Learning Center—a longstanding United Way of Southern Chester County (UWSCC) partner agency dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable early childhood education and care.

[Read More](#)



Preschool Supply Drive: Help Us Stock the Shelves

Unlike traditional school supply drives, early learning classrooms need tools designed specifically for preschoolers and little hands—think jumbo crayons, Play-doh, kinetic sand, construction paper, and more.

You can help make a difference by shopping Tick Tock's Amazon Wish List and sending supplies directly to the center.

Together, we can equip young learners with the tools they need to explore, create, and succeed.

[Shop Wish List Here](#)

Constellation Intern Day of Giving



A Day of Caring with Constellation Energy

On Tuesday, July 29, United Way of Southern Chester County **partnered with Constellation Energy for a powerful Summer Intern Day of Caring**—a day dedicated to giving back and building community connections.

A total of 38 interns and employees from Constellation's Peach Bottom, Limerick, and Kennett Square offices volunteered across Southern Chester County, supporting six of UWSCC's nonprofit partners:

- Kennett Area Community Services (KACS)
- YoungMoms
- The Garage Youth and Community Center (Kennett Square & Avondale)
- Tick Tock Early Learning Center
- The Wardrobe – Kennett Square

Whether pulling weeds on a preschool playground, organizing clothing at The Wardrobe, packaging food for neighbors in need, or sprucing up community centers, volunteers made a meaningful difference in just one morning. Even more importantly, they learned about the incredible work local nonprofits do every day to support families across our region.

We're grateful to Constellation for their partnership, compassion, and commitment to community. **Together, we made an impact.**



Interns volunteering at (from left to right) Tick Tock ELC, The Garage-Kennett Square, and YoungMoms.



Interns volunteering at (from left to right) The Garage-Avondale, The Wardrobe and Kennett Area Community Services (KACS).

CommUNITY Calendar

August

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Stop Smoking Now

*Wednesday, August 6 from 7:00-8:00pm
Via Zoom*

Six-week cessation program for smokers, vapers, and chewing tobacco users. FREE through Penn Medicine.

More Information: [HERE](#)

August

8 &
22

Deepen Your Understanding: Bridges Out Of Poverty Book Club

*Fridays, August 8th and 22nd, 11:00a-12:30p
Market at Liberty Place, 148 W. State Street, Kennett.*

Hosted by KACS. Calling all Bridges Out of Poverty workshop alumni! Want to keep the momentum going and explore the material even further? Join our first ever Bridges Out of Poverty book club!

We'll gather every 2nd and 4th Friday from 11:00am-12:30pm.

Each session will cover a different chapter from the Individual Lens section of the *Bridges Out of Poverty* textbook.

Use this link to find out more: <https://unitedwayscc.org/event-info/237>

August

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Heart Tracks Cardiovascular Screening Program

Monday, August 11, 4:00pm-6:30pm at CYWA

This health screening is for adults ages 20-79 who have NOT had a heart attack or stroke. Plus, receive a \$10 GIANT gift card! Appointments are strongly recommended. Hosted by Penn Medicine.

For more information, click [here](#).

August

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Winning at Weight Loss: Lessons from Successful Losers

Wednesday, August 13, 12:30-pm-1:00pm via Zoom

Nutrition Matters Lunch & Learns - Informative lunch-time nutrition talks led by registered dietitians. Hosted by Penn Medicine.

For more information, click [here](#).

August

17-23

Medical Volunteers Needed for Camp Dreamcatcher

Sunday, August 17 through Saturday, August 23

Camp Dreamcatcher is looking for full or part time volunteers to care for campers during the week of August 17-23, at Camp saginaw in Oxford, PA. Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, EMTs are welcome.

[More info here.](#)

August

22

Birthday Bash with Maternal Child Health Consortium (MCHC)

Friday, August 22 , 6:00pm-8:00pm at their West Chester office: 1475 Phoenixville Pike, Suite 12, West Chester, 19380

[Learn more.](#)

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

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