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a monthly newsletter for the community

A Message from the CEO



Dear Friends,

As we move into December and look towards the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible spirit of community that defines Southern Chester County. This past month has been particularly inspiring, demonstrating the tangible impact we can achieve when we focus our collective energy on helping our neighbors.

One of the highlights of this period has been the amazing support for the HelpFeed ChesCo initiative. We are thrilled to announce that in one month,

\$208,476 was raised for the Chester County Food. This collective effort will make a profound difference to families facing food insecurity across Southern Chester County.

Beyond HelpFeed ChesCo, I also want to shine a light on the crucial work done through our food drive in the month of November. In partnership with KACS, Kennett Collaborative, and the Kennett Square Farmers Market, we were able to raise over a 1,000 pounds of food that went not only to KACS Food Pantry but also other local food pantries including SILO, Mighty Writers, and ONS. This is a powerful testament to the generosity of our community and the vital role that we as neighbors play in uplifting our community. Thank you to everyone who participated in these efforts, whether through monetary contributions, food donations, or volunteering your time.

Looking towards the month of December, we are highlighting The Wardrobe as this incredible partner provides clothing to our neighbors facing financial insecurity, ensuring access to professional and basic clothing for work and everyday life.

How you can help:

- Sign up for our volunteer day on December 11th, 11 a.m. to 1p.m.
- Donate men's clothing and shoes (specifically in small and medium sizes), new toiletries, and winter wear for both men and women to The Wardrobe.

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

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Giving Tuesday is an international day of generosity, and we're inviting you to be a part of it! Today, your support is more vital than ever. Every dollar you donate goes directly to ensuring that we can continue to make a positive impact on Southern Chester County.

Our Impact in the 2024/25 Fiscal Year:

- Crisis Intervention: United Way of Southern Chester County invested **\$329,480** into **16 critical programs**, ultimately serving **20,876 neighbors**—struggling families in our community who received essential support.
- Education Impact: The United Way of Southern Chester County served **3,016 neighbors** by investing **\$176,280** across **seven vital programs** focused on building youth opportunity and lifelong learning.
- Health and Wellness Impact: The United Way of Southern Chester County invested **\$144,240** across **eight programs** dedicated to the comprehensive health and wellness of our community. These initiatives, which address both physical and mental health, served **2,590 neighbors**.

It's Here! Celebrate Giving Tuesday with Us!
Together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.

Make your gift today [HERE](#)

In the CommUNITY



The Wardrobe in Kennett Square: Outfitting Confidence and Dressing the Community for Success

The Wardrobe is a crucial community resource in Southern Chester County that provides far more than just clothing. They empower individuals through personalized styling and professional attire, helping them build confidence and overcome



Volunteer Opportunity at The Wardrobe

Sign up to assist at The Wardrobe on December 11th, 2025, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Wardrobe is in need of men's clothing and shoes (specifically in small and medium sizes), new toiletries, and

barriers as they pursue employment and stable life transitions.

winter wear for both men and women.

[Read More](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Donation Guide](#)

November Food Drive Wrap Up

Thank you for your support!

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to donate around 688lbs of food to KACS Food Pantry. We were also able to donate over 500lbs of food to other local food pantries via the Amazon Wish List and collections held by Constellation and others.

This food will help ensure that this holiday season, neighbors in Southern Chester County will have access to food. Thank you for helping to nourish your neighbors!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated!



CommUNITY Calendar

December
3/10

Wednesday, December 3 & 10 | Virtual

Fall 2025 Chat-n-Chew Speaker Series

The Arc of Chester County offers FREE virtual trainings covering a variety of topics which empower people to learn about education and systems advocacy.

More information can be found [here](#).

December
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Saturday, December 6 | 9am-1pm | Kennett Library

Girls Spark Summit Southern Chester County

For middle and high school girls. Don't miss the first-ever Girls Spark Summit Southern Chester County! Join them for a day of empowerment, inspiration, and growth. [Info here](#).

December

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Saturday, December 6 | Avondale Garage

The Garage - 16th Annual Holiday Auction

Celebrate a very 70's Christmas with local Garage supporters as we come together to enjoy food, drinks, and live music while bidding on silent auction items. More info [here](#).

December

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Wednesday, December 31 | 7pm-12:30am | Kennett Square, PA

Midnight in the Square 2025

Celebrate NYE in Kennett Square under the Sparkling Mushroom! The entertainment scheduled for our event this year is spectacular!! Live Bands, Stage Shows, Lasers and a Photo Booth!! Event info can be found [here](#).

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



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