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# UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

*a monthly newsletter for the community*

## A Message from the CEO



Dear Friends,

February is a month that invites us to reflect on equity, health, and safety—recognized nationally as Black History Month, American Heart Month, and Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In that spirit, United Way of Southern Chester County is centering this month's efforts on supporting the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) and the critical role they play in keeping our community safe and supported.

As February unfolds, we are reminded that caring for one another takes many forms—especially when it comes to ensuring safety, dignity, and support for our neighbors in times of crisis. United Way of Southern Chester County remains deeply committed to strengthening our community by uplifting those who need it most.

This month, we are proud to host a community drive in support of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC). DVCCC provides critical services to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence, offering shelter, counseling, advocacy, and hope during some of life's most difficult moments. Their work aligns closely with our Healthy Community impact area, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live free from violence and fear.

We are also excited to unveil our new United Way of Southern Chester County video, created through the incredible efforts of our interns from the Kennett Futures Program. This video captures the strength, resilience, and compassion that define Southern Chester County, while reflecting the vision and direction of our newly launched 2026–2029 Strategic Plan. Grounded in our mission to improve lives and strengthen our community, the video highlights our continued focus on building a Healthy Community and expanding Youth Opportunity—today and for generations to come.

We invite you to join us in supporting this important work. Through your generosity and participation, we can help DVCCC continue to provide life-saving resources and compassionate care to survivors right here in Southern Chester County. You can support the drive by shopping our Amazon Wish List, linked below, which includes the most-needed items to directly support DVCCC and the individuals they serve.

## Amazon Wish List

Together, we have the power to create a safer, stronger community—one rooted in compassion, resilience, and collective action. Thank you for standing with us and with DVCCC this February.

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



## Your Gift Makes a Difference

February is a month for compassion—let's keep the momentum going!  
*Together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.*

Make your gift today [HERE](#)

## In the CommUNITY



Domestic Violence Center of  
Chester County (DVCCC):

When We Give, Survivors  
Gain Strength

## United for Survivors

DVCCC is celebrating 50 years of serving their mission to reduce domestic violence by supporting survivors and advancing prevention strategies.

[Read More](#)

This February, join United Way of Southern Chester County in supporting DVCCC and the vital services they provide to survivors of domestic violence. Every item donated helps create safety, stability, and hope.

Support via our Amazon Wish List.

[Donate Now](#)

## January Event Recap



### Thank you to everyone who attended our Community Conversations: New Year, Healthier Family event at Kennett Library

It was a wonderful event where valuable information and tips were shared by our amazing panelists from LCH, YMCA of Greater Brandywine, and Downingtown Nutrition.

## CommUNITY Calendar

January 28th - May 20th

**Every Wednesday, January 28 - May 20th | 5:30pm-8pm | Kennett Area YMCA**

### **KACS Getting Ahead: A Path Forward**

Getting Ahead is a free, 16-week workshop in which adult participants investigate the hidden rules of living in poverty and build resources and relationships in the community, and tools for planning for a better life. [Info here.](#)

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**Tuesday, February 10 | 5:30pm-9pm | Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning**

***Fixer Mixer***

The Housing Partnership of Chester County has an exciting and new first-time ever event coming up! It's going a fun-filled evening with a home-repair theme, plenty of delicious food options, signature beverages, awesome raffles and a great vibe in our unique venue at Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning in Exton. More info [here](#).

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**Sunday, February 22 | 1pm-5pm | West Chester Golf and Country Club**

***Family Service of Chester County's Annual Charity Poker Tournament***

Your support ensures that parents, children, and individuals facing life's toughest challenges don't have to navigate them alone. More info [here](#).

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



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