



UWSCC CommUNITY Chronicles

a monthly newsletter for the community

Together for Our Neighbors: *Building a Stronger Community Together in 2025*

As we kick off 2025, we're fueled by the momentum of our 80th Anniversary and the impactful 80 for 80 campaign. This year, we're celebrating eight decades of building hope and supporting our neighbors in Southern Chester County.

Now is the perfect time to join us!



Whether through volunteering or supporting vital programs, you can help us make this milestone year unforgettable. Together, we can create a stronger, more united community.

[Create a Stronger Community](#)

A Message from the CEO

Dear Neighbors,

The start of a new year is always a time for fresh beginnings—and for me, it's the

beginning of an exciting journey as the new CEO of the United Way of Southern Chester County. I am thrilled to join this incredible organization and look forward to working together to bridge gaps and build hope for our neighbors in need. Let's make 2025 a year where everyone in Southern Chester County has the opportunity to live, work, and thrive.



This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 80 years of making a difference in our community. United Way of Southern Chester County has been a cornerstone of support and compassion for eight decades, and we are honoring this milestone with our 80 for 80 Campaign. We are encouraging new donors to make an \$80 gift in celebration of this milestone.

As we move forward, I am inspired by the generosity, resilience, and commitment of our partners and community members. Together, we can transform challenges into opportunities and turn our shared vision of hope into reality.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Here's to a year of progress, impact, and unity—together, UNITED!

Warm regards,
Darcie Martin
CEO, United Way of Southern Chester County

In the CommUNITY



Join Us as a 2025 Allocation Panelist!

We need 9 more community-minded individuals to join our Allocation Panel



Mighty Writers El Futuro: Empowering Southern Chester County's Future Leaders

Mighty Writers El Futuro, located in Toughkenamon, is more than a writing and literacy program—it's a hub of inspiration, opportunity, and support for children and families in Chester County. At its heart, Mighty Writers aims to teach children to think clearly and write with passion, enabling them to shape their futures with confidence and resilience.

[Read More](#)

team for 2025! If you've already signed up, THANK YOU—no further action is needed.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to make a difference. If you are a previous panelist, you know how vital this role is. Your thoughtful evaluation and recommendations last year ensured United Way funding reached the programs making the greatest impact for our Southern Chester County neighbors.

We're assembling another outstanding team for the 2025 allocations process, and your experience and dedication would be invaluable.

[Sign Up Here](#)



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 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 focus is on Period Poverty and opening dialogue around menstruation within families.

[More Information](#)



Be a Community Volunteer!

Make a resolution to give back in 2025! Become a community volunteer and make a difference where it matters most. Whether it's mentoring, tutoring, or lending a hand at local events, your time and skills can create lasting change. Start the year by engaging with your community and helping neighbors thrive.

Ready to get involved? View link below or contact our office, 610-444-4357. Together, let's make this year one of action and impact.

[View Volunteer](#)



Help End Period Poverty in January

This January, United Way Southern Chester County is hosting a Period Product Drive to support cycling individuals in our community. Period poverty—lack of access to menstrual products—can force students to miss school and adults to miss work, impacting their education, livelihoods, and dignity.

We're collecting donations of feminine hygiene products at two locations:

- UWSCC Office: 712 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square
- Kennett Library

Products will be distributed during the Kennett Library's Tea Talk event on January 18 and through local organizations that connect these essentials to those who need them most. Together, we can ensure everyone in our community has the resources to live with dignity.

Join us in making a difference—donate today!

Special Meals on Wheels Winter Food Drive

Meals on Wheels Chester County (MOWCC) partners with facilities throughout the county in order to prepare and deliver hot meals to over 800 homebound seniors five days a week. Inclement weather prevents volunteers from making deliveries, as we experienced just this week. MOWCC is preparing "snow packs" filled with shelf stable foods to help provide food security for seniors on those days. They are looking for low sodium, low sugar, easy-to-prepare items to fill these packs.



If you are interested in providing items or running a food drive on their behalf, please contact **Patrice** at MOWCC. A listing of items can be found on **this flyer**.

CommUNITY Calendar

January

Red Cross Blood Drive at the Kennett Library

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The Kennett Library is hosting a blood drive for Red Cross on Saturday, January 11 from 9a-2p. [Register here.](#)

January

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Chester County Community Foundation: Community Conversations

Social Justice: Unfinished Business on January 14 at noon. Information can be found [here.](#)

January

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Tea Talk with Live Better

Kennett Library, 10a-12p. You're invited to this special Tea Talk Party! This collaborative educational program encourages discussion about menstruation with experts from our community. Register [here.](#)

February

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Chester County Community Foundation: Community Conversations

Social Justice: Workforce and Income Equity on February 12 at noon. Information can be found [here.](#)

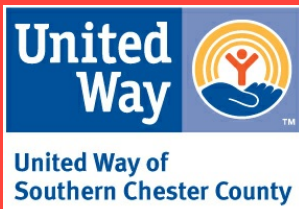
February

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Kennett Winterfest

Over 60 local, regional, and award-winning breweries bring their best for Kennett Winterfest ticket holders to sample. Brewers often create something new and special to bring to Kennett Winterfest. Live music, food trucks, and a great selection of beer-centric vendors round out the event. [Tickets on sale now.](#)

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



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